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FRONT COVER CAPTION: Liam
Brady in the blue shirt of Italian
side Sampdoria. Will his next
colours be the red and white of
Manchester United?

EXCLUSIVE!

EIRE midfield genius Liam
Brady wants to come home
to England and play for
Manchester United.

The former Arsenal
favourite, currently starring
alongside Trevor Francis for
Sampdoria, reveals: "I've
always wanted to play for
them."

"When my contract expires at
the end of next season, I want to
return to the English First Division
and I'd love to become a United
player."

"Alongside Liverpool, they are
the number one club in the country
and the prospect of playing in front
of their crowd is very appetising."

"I nearly joined them before I
came to Italy, but the deal fell
through. They were interested
again in the close season until the
£500,000 price tag scared them
off," says Liam, who moved to
Juventus from Highbury for
£600,000 in July 1980.

"English football is going
through a difficult phase at the
moment and, while I'd like to
return to the First Division with
Manchester United, I know I can't
pick and choose."

"I want to finish my career in
England and I'll be 28 when I'm
free to come back. It would be
great to end at the top level."

Liam stunned world football
when he joined relatively
unknown Italian First Division
newcomers Sampdoria after being
released by Juventus.

He admits that his first reaction
when he heard that Juventus were
ready to sell him was to pack his
bags immediately and head
straight back to England to play.

"It was a big shock and
disappointment because I felt I did
well there. I played some of the
best football of my career for
them."

Liam was released to make way
for French World Cup skipper
Michel Platini. He says: "When the
club president thinks he can sign
someone better than you, there's
nothing you can do about it."

"They had already signed Boniek
from Polish club Widzew Lodz and
I was looking forward to playing
with him this season. I was excited
about the new campaign because I
felt we had a great chance of
winning the League with him and
Paolo Rossi back in the team."

"I was rocked when Platini
arrived and at first I felt my future
was back in England. I changed my
mind after talking the whole
situation over with my wife."

"I originally signed a three-year
contract with Juventus and we
decided that as we'd enjoyed
ourselves in Italy, we'd like to stay."

"My Juventus career was cut
short abruptly but we've still made
a lot of friends here and wanted to
stay a little longer."

Liam could have returned to his
old club Arsenal, where he made
227 League appearances and
scored 43 goals.

*Debut day delight for
Liam Brady as he helps
Sampdoria beat his old
team Juventus on the
opening day of the
season. Here he flashes
past former team-mate
Furino.*

'I WANT

Liam admits that the idea
appealed to him and adds:
"Arsenal could afford the fee but
they couldn't match the wages."

"If the chance of going back to
Highbury arose, there would be
nothing standing in my way.
Although I didn't leave under the
best of circumstances, I've still got
a lot of respect for the club."

"Even though Sampdoria are
relatively unknown and aren't
involved in Europe this season, the
idea of joining them really excited
me. It's a fresh challenge."

"Sampdoria are ambitious and
their president made it clear to me
that he wants to turn it into a big
club. He's proved that by buying
myself and Trevor Francis."

Liam's new career got off to a
dream start when Sampdoria beat
his old club Juventus 1-0 on the

opening day of the Italian football
season.

"A lot of people were talking
about me gaining revenge, but I
didn't see it that way. I was just
delighted that we got our first ever
season in the top flight off to a
winning start."

Sampdoria have proved to be
one of the shock sides of the First
Division and they are well placed
near the top of the table.

"I've been surprised that we've
done so well. Our main aim this
season was to consolidate our
position. Anything more than that
will be a bonus."

Having moved from a big
glamour club like Juventus to
unfashionable Sampdoria, Liam is
enjoying the more relaxed life.

"The pressure is off me a bit. At
Juventus we were expected to win

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Anthony Hawkswell talks to former Arsenal
hero Liam Brady who reveals that he'll be
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The changing faces of Liam Brady. Left: He prepares to take a throw for Juventus last season and right, as the English fans remember him best, in the famous red and white of Arsenal.

LIAM BRADY SAYS TO PLAY FOR UNITED'

every match. Here we've done well if we draw and pick up a point.

"I'm enjoying my spell here. The challenge has given my career a boost.

"The fans have also been great and they've made me very welcome. They didn't expect great things from us this season and we've delighted them by doing so well."

Liam is also enjoying the company of England striker Trevor Francis, who joined Sampdoria from Manchester City in the close season for nearly £1m.

"I've always regarded Trevor as a very good player so I was delighted when I heard he was joining us. It's a pity that his career here was cut in the bud."

After making a promising start with his new club, Trevor was

sidelined with a calf injury and that has also seen him miss out on England's last two games against West Germany and Greece.

"Both England and Sampdoria missed him while he was out, but the good news is that he's back in action and looking as sharp as ever."

"We see a lot of each other off

the field and get on very well. My wife and I have tried to help his family feel as at home as we can in their new surroundings.

"Obviously the main problem when you move to a strange country is the language barrier and, now I can speak Italian fluently, I've been able to act as an interpreter for him.

"I sometimes feel that I do too much translating for him. If I kept my mouth shut, it would help him pick up the language quicker.

"It's not that difficult to settle down over here because the Italians are a very friendly race and they're always willing to help."

Even though he wants to return to English football, Liam is saddened by the state of the game here and worried for its future.

He says: "It's a very unsettling time for clubs in England. Apart from the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds of this world, everyone is worried.

"Although there is cause for concern, I don't think the picture is as black as it's painted. There has been a change of attitude among the fans and media — they seem intent on knocking the game all the time.

"The running of the sport is also upside down. The powers that be are trying to change everything. First it was the points system and now there's talk of the introduction of a super league.

"It's very worrying for the players. They can't feel secure when they go onto the pitch.

"Critics are screaming about the entertainment value in England, but one thing is for sure, it's far more exciting than Italian soccer.

"The priorities are wrong in England. The new 'get-tough' policy among the referees shows just how the authorities are barking up the wrong tree.

"It's been said that goals will bring back the fans, but I don't agree. I'd much rather watch a tight game that ends in a 1-1 draw than see a side win 8-0.

"Excitement, thrills and tension are what the fans love. That's why you get good crowds at the end of the season for important relegation battles. They love the battle to the death confrontation."

Liam, who has been capped more than 30 times for Eire, is hoping that he can help his country qualify for the Finals of the European Championships in France in 1984.

Although the Irish have had an indifferent start — they've got three points from three games — Liam still believes that they can finish top of their group.

"After being unlucky and missing out on the World Cup Finals in Spain, we're determined to qualify for the European Championships. On paper, we should do it.

"England are often moaning that they don't get enough time together for international matches, but our preparation is a disaster compared to theirs.

"Before the important game against Holland, I'd never played alongside Tony Galvin before and only teamed up once with Ronnie Whelan. That sort of thing just doesn't help you build up an understanding.

"I'm sure we've got the players to become a successful side — now we need the time together to prove it."

TRANSFER-LISTED TONY SAYS:

WEST Brom's Tony Godden — in and out of the side for the last year — rates himself as the fourth best goalkeeper in the First Division.

Tony, who has been tussling with Mark Grew for the green jersey at The Hawthorns believes that only England trio Peter Shilton, Joe Corrigan and Ray Clemence are ahead of him.

Tony's chart reads:

- 1 Peter Shilton (Southampton and England)
- 2 Joe Corrigan (Man. City and England)
- 3 Ray Clemence (Spurs and England)
- 4 Tony Godden (West Brom)
- 5 Peter Fox (Stoke)
- 6 Gary Bailey (Manchester United and England Under 21)

"That's my rating at this moment in time," says a confident Tony, who joined West Brom after spells at Gillingham and Preston.

"I've been pleased with my own displays this season although the team results have been sickening," says Tony, who conceded 11 goals in his first five games of the season — including six at Ipswich.

"We were hammered at Ipswich, lost 2-1 at Birmingham and then allowed Swansea to come back from three down and pinch a point.

"I think these results were down to a team affair and nothing to do with my form."

"When we played at Ipswich every goal bar one could qualify for the 'goal of the season'. The moves that led up to them and the finishing skills were tremendous.

"It was a freak result really. In saying that, I'm not taking anything away from Ipswich because on the day they were absolutely brilliant — out of this world.

"If Ipswich could play like that every week then they would have the Championship sewn up by Christmas.

"I'd never seen a team with so much appetite for the game. They

'I'M ONE OF THE BEST'

must have had hearts as big as an elephants.

"Apparently they had taken a lot of stick and they were just out to prove everybody wrong.

"We were just unlucky to be the team that they decided to do it against and on the day when a win would have taken us to the top of the table."

AXED

Tony, who was axed 14 months ago after making a club record 240 consecutive appearances, knows he is under constant threat from Mark Grew who was first choice this season until getting injured in the 2-0 defeat at Arsenal on October 16.

"I was suspended at the start of the season and that was the main reason I was out of the team," explains Tony, who returned to the Albion's relegation battle towards the end of last season.

"The team was performing well and I understood the situation. I didn't kick up a stink about it, but I'm pleased to be back.

"I'm still on the transfer list and I haven't asked to come off it. I'd

completely forgotten all about it. All I'm worried about is going out and giving 110 per cent.

"I haven't anything to prove to anybody. I've played too many games to be still proving myself.

"I'm enjoying my football and, as far as I am concerned, new manager Ron Wylie is a very fair man. He's very honest and straightforward. If you are playing badly, then he'll come up to you and tell you. He doesn't mince his words."

Despite his intense rivalry with young Mark Grew, Tony retains a friendly off-the-field relationship with his present deputy.

"In my opinion Mark is a very competent goalkeeper. He's also a very confident lad. We're the best of mates and we do really get on like a house on fire," he says.

"In fact, you'll never find a better bunch of lads than those here at Albion. Players who have come to this club have never experienced anything like it before. We're all pals together and it really is a nice atmosphere to work in."

But Tony's main concern is the hard-line approach by referees in which several goalkeepers have

been sent off for 'professional' fouls outside the area.

"I've got Mark Grew lurking in the shadows. If I dived at a player's feet just outside the box or I want to tackle him, mistimed my tackle and brought him down, then I'd be sent off.

"I'd receive a two-match ban and that would put Mark in possession again. If he kept his form then I would be out for the rest of the season.

"It's already happened to Peter Fox at Stoke and I'm fully aware that it could happen to me.

"A better idea would be to have a shoot-out line as they have in America and then give a penalty for incidents which happen inside that line.

"If it's a dangerous tackle, then fair enough, send off the offender, but not for deliberate handball or a tug of a shirt. That to me is very, very harsh.

"But at the moment I'm Albion's number one goalkeeper and I'll be doing my utmost to stay there.

"The only way I'll keep my place is to play consistently well and that is exactly what I'm striving to achieve."



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DESTROYERS!

DANISH superstar Allan Simonsen has launched a bitter attack on the cynical attitude of Spanish football and he claims: "The way they play is destroying the game."

Charlton's sensational £325,000 scoop from Barcelona suffered more than most from the harsh and often brutal treatment dished out by defenders during his three-year stay in Spain.

He says: "It's a pity they adopt this sort of attitude because they have some very good players. It just seems to be in their blood."

"If the opposition have a couple of better players than your side, it's not uncommon for the coach to tell you to go out there and keep them down."

The former European Footballer of the Year is happy to be away from it all. He says: "It's great to go into a game and know that you're not going to be kicked off the park."

Manchester United know exactly how the little striker feels for they were literally kicked out of this season's UEFA Cup in two disgraceful games against Valencia.

Allan isn't the only player to hit out. His former Barcelona team-mates Diego Maradona — rated as the best player in the world — and West German star Bernd Schuster have complained of the terrible treatment they have received.

Allan shocked the football world when he swapped the glamour of giants Barcelona for Second Division strugglers Charlton, but he says: "I'm really happy I made the decision."

"I've joined a homely club and that's what I wanted to do. Barcelona was too big and detached."

"I believe it's important for a football club to be like a family. That way you get the right atmosphere. I've certainly found everyone here very helpful and they've all gone out of their way to make me welcome."

"I was under no illusion when I came to The Valley. I knew that I was joining a struggling side."

"But I feel I've won everything I want to during my spells in Spain with Barcelona and in West Germany with Borussia Moenchengladbach."

"I needed a special challenge — Charlton are that challenge," says the 29-year-old, who has been capped more than 20 times for his country.

'MATCH' talks to Charlton's new signing Allan Simonsen and highlights the worldwide concern among top international players of the increasing violence in Spanish football.

"They were also the first to act when Barcelona originally put me up for sale and I liked their positive attitude."

"The chairman and directors are ambitious and want to get into the First Division and I'd dearly love to help them. That's my big ambition now."

The ace in Charlton's pack as they tried to persuade the Dane to sign for them was their youth team coach Ernst Netuka. He and Allan worked together in Denmark and are firm friends.

"I'm very happy to be back with Ernst again. He was one of the reasons why I felt that the Charlton move was the right one for me."

Although Allan scored on his senior debut for Charlton — against Middlesbrough — he accepts that he hasn't had the best of starts to his new career at The Valley.

First of all there was the on-off transfer saga which dragged on for nearly two months and then Allan was sidelined with a thigh injury.

"The delays were very frustrating because I didn't know where I stood. One minute the deal was on — the next it would be off."

"I was annoyed and disappointed at the way Barcelona conducted the whole thing. The arrival of Maradona in the close season gave the club three foreign players — they are only allowed two."

"At the time, Bernd Schuster wasn't 100 per cent fit and the club assured me that my place with them was safe. They told me I wouldn't be the one to go."

"But I got injured just before the season started and they changed their minds. They decided to release me."

"Charlton have acted correctly all the way through the deal, but I can't say the same for Barcelona. They weren't fair to me."

"Obviously it was a very worrying time for me and I was tremendously relieved when it was all over — even though there was a mad panic to push my registration forms through."

Right: Allan Simonsen — "It's great to know that you're not going to be kicked off the park."



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JAMES 'NOT FOR SALE'

WELSH international winger Leighton James is staying with Swansea after all.

The First Division side were all set to sell the striker to Emllyn Hughes' Rotherham for £50,000, but, after a stirring display at West Brom, the 'not for sale' sign went up at the Vetch Field.

In that match at Albion, Leighton scored his first League goal of the season, and triggered off one of the recoveries of the campaign with Swansea coming back from 0-3 to earn a point.

Non-starter Super League

FORGET all ideas of a Super League, says Manchester City's England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan.

"It's a fact of life that the biggest clubs, those that would surely expect to be part of a Super League, don't necessarily produce the best teams," he says.

So will the League remain a closed shop with no promotion or relegation? Such a competition would lose much of its meaning. Or will it be possible for teams from below to fight their way into the top section on merit?

"If that happened, then the whole idea of a Super League would be dead within a few years because some of the smaller clubs would be back at the top.

"Either way the idea is a non-starter and we should concentrate on other ways of putting football back on its feet," says Joe.



Paul McGrath... Manchester United are excited about his potential.

MAESTRO McGRATH

MANCHESTER United believe they have uncovered another Irish maestro in young defender Paul McGrath, who recently made an impressive First Division debut against Tottenham.

United boss Ron Atkinson decided to gamble on the 22-year-old last season after hearing that the former Republic of Ireland 'Footballer of the Year' was winning more honours than Liverpool.

Not since the days of George Best have the Old Trafford corridors buzzed with so much excitement about the potential shown by the London-born player.

And, over in Ireland, the man who helped discover stars like David O'Leary, Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton, reckons the former Dublin St Patrick's defender could prove to be an exceptional player.

The youngster's progress at Old Trafford was halted by a close season cartilage operation, but he returned to the reserves in October and, after scoring two goals in two games, Atkinson was convinced he was ready for the big time.

With Martin Buchan and Kevin Moran injured, the United boss gave him his chance in the Milk Cup tie at Bradford.

And Atkinson doesn't conceal his admiration for Paul's talent.

"He's the best footballing centre half at the club with tremendous potential."

And fellow defender Gordon McQueen adds: "I've never seen any defender want to go forward so much as Paul."

"He's worse than me in always wanting to attack, but I know that in a very short time he'll learn that caution can be an asset at times."

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Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans... ready to challenge for an England place.

Cowans hint to England

ASTON Villa midfield star Gordon Cowans believes he's ready to challenge for an England place. The 24-year-old feels he has rediscovered the form that took him to the brink of full international honours two seasons ago.

He seemed almost certain to step into the England side after leading the Under-21s, but, following a crushing 4-0 UEFA Championship defeat in Rumania, he disappeared from the frame.

"I had just got into the full squad and I ended up skipping the under-21 side in Rumania," recalls Gordon.

"Everybody played badly and I lost a lot of confidence which I never recovered even though Villa won the First Division Championship that season.

"I didn't have a particularly good time last season either, but now I

feel I'm playing a lot better.

"I'm showing far more consistency, but then again the team is playing well, and that helps a lot.

"Also I'm two years older and being a bit more mature possibly helps me to think about my game a little more."

But Gordon, capped five times at under-21 level, knows he's got a tough fight on his hands to attract the attention of England manager Bobby Robson.

"I'll just try and keep up this form and hopefully I'll get into the reckoning," he says.

"There are so many good midfield players in this country that it will be hard to get in.

"There's Gary Owen and Adrian Heath from the present under-21s, and Sammy Lee, Graham Rix, Alan Devonshire and Gary Mabbutt have already been capped."

Newman's nightmare

POOR Bob Newman is going through one of those periods which every footballer dreads.

The Bristol City player just can't do anything right, illustrated by the fact that he put through his own goal in successive Saturdays in the draws with Mansfield and Chester.

● **ONE** in the eye for Reading came from their former striker Ollie Kearns who scored the first goal in Walsall's 2-1 Third Division victory over them at Fellows Park.

● **FORMER** Exeter player Mike Lester ended their hopes of a surprise Third Division victory at Bradford City with an equaliser in the 3-3 thriller at Valley Parade.

● **JOHN** Sainty, the former Manchester City coach, is the new manager of Fourth Division Chester.

He has taken over at Sealand Road following the resignation of another ex-City player, Cliff Sear.

● **BOBBY** Davison became the first Halifax player for nine years to score a League hat-trick when he shook promotion chasing Wimbledon in the Yorkshire's side's 4-2 win at Plough Lane.

King-sized Bournemouth

THIRD Division Bournemouth have signed Sheffield United's Jeff King on a free transfer.

Jeff, who joined United from city rivals Wednesday, made his debut alongside Yugoslavian Ivan Golac in a Hampshire Senior Cup-tie with Southampton, Golac's former club.

● **PAUL** Maddy, Cardiff's Welsh Under-21 international, has joined First Division Stoke on a month's loan.

● **SECOND** Division Middlesbrough have sacked no fewer than 14 of their backroom staff, including youth coach Micky Burns, as an economy measure.

● **STRIKER** Neil Whatmore returned to Birmingham last month when Third Division Oxford couldn't meet the First Division club's demand for a £100,000 fee.

The former Bolton forward scored five League goals during his month on loan to his old manager Jim Smith.

● **EUROPEAN** Champions Aston Villa won't be facing holders Flamengo, of Brazil, in next month's World Club Championship clash in Japan. The Brazilians lost 1-0 to Penarol of Uruguay in the Semi-Finals of the South American play-offs and they now meet Chile side Cobreloa in the Final.

● **FOURTH** Division Blackpool have signed Orient defender Bobby Fisher on a free transfer.

Cheque-point Charlie

CELTIC'S scoring magician Charlie Nicholas receives a special Halloween presentation from whisky sponsors Mackinlays, to celebrate his nomination as the first monthly Scottish Football 'Personality of the Month' award winner for this season.

At Parkhead to present Charlie (left) with a cheque for £200 and a gallon bottle of whisky

WATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck



was attractive 'witch' Hazel Martin.

Also involved in the presentation spell was Celtic's Danny Crainie, who received a gallon bottle of whisky to mark his own 'Personality' award recorded at the end of last season, while on hand to represent the sponsors was area sales representative Clark Nelson (right).

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OWLS HISTORY

BACK in 1947, Keith Farnsworth stood on the Spion Kop at Hillsborough for the first time and soon became a fervent Sheffield Wednesday supporter.

Now, 35 years later, the well known Sheffield journalist has written a book called 'Wednesday', the first full length history of the club to be published since 1926.

The 290-page book, which traces Wednesday's beginnings back to its cricket origins in 1820, is fully illustrated and has been published by the Sheffield City libraries at £3.95 (paperback) and £7.95 (hard back).

I'M beginning to wonder when my catalogue of injuries will end. No sooner do I recover from one setback than another rears its ugly head.

Although the latest problem — a septic toe — isn't too serious in itself, it has still put back my plans to regain peak fitness. It has been so painful that I missed three days' training with it.

A few days before our London derby with West Ham, I had treatment for an ingrowing toe nail, but unfortunately the thing went septic.

Although it was very painful, I played against 'The Hammers'. In hindsight, that was perhaps the wrong decision.

It was so painful that I wanted to come off the field. In fact, I would have been substituted if it hadn't been for a more serious injury to our skipper Steve Perryman.

That game didn't do it any good at all because afterwards the toe swelled up so much that I couldn't put a shoe on my foot. I had to walk around in flip-flops.

Because I couldn't train for a few days, it even made me doubtful for our visit to League Champions Liverpool.

I'm getting fed up with all these niggling injuries because all I want to do is get fit again. One bit of good news for me, though, is that I've had no reaction from the thigh injury.

This has got to be my worst ever season for injuries. In the last seven years I don't think I've missed more than seven or eight games for Spurs. This season I've missed more than 15.

There were rumours that the latest setback would make me doubtful for England's game against Luxembourg later this month. That's nonsense. I'm sure I'll be fully fit for that one.

The last 18 months have been unbelievable at Tottenham. It seems as though every first team player has been out with a major injury.

I don't know why that is. I don't think it has got anything to do with the way we play or train. It must be just plain bad luck.

Fortunately we've got a strong squad down here and we've been able to cope with the injury jinx.

Indeed, it has given some of the younger players at the club a chance to shine and pick up valuable experience. It says a lot for them that Spurs are still well placed in the title battle.

The youngster who has made his mark most this season has been young Gary Mabbutt, but I've also been impressed by Garry Brooke and defender Gary O'Reilly.

Even though I had my own problems in the game against West Ham, it was a great game to play in and I was delighted to see us come back from behind to win 2-1.

WHEN WILL IT END?

THE Spurs and England star tells of his frustrating battle against injury.

NIGGLING INJURIES ARE GETTING ME DOWN . . .

like to make an exciting game of it.

For the last few years West Brom have been a mystery to me. On paper they've always had a very good team and yet they never seem to win anything.

They've certainly got the players capable of making a strong challenge, but they seem to lack the consistency.

We'll have to keep a careful eye on my England team-mate Cyrille Regis. He always causes us problems.

The following Saturday we travel to Stoke and I must admit it isn't usually a fixture I look forward to. The games tend to be scrappy and dull.

But this season Stoke have been a revelation and thrilled the fans with their own brand of attacking, exciting football.

Spearheading this new-look Potteries side is young winger Mark Chamberlain. He has really taken the First Division by storm since his close season move from Port Vale.

I've never seen Mark play live but, from what I've seen on the box, he looks a very exciting player — just the type Stoke have needed for years.

Manager Richie Barker has bought wisely. As well as bringing in young players he's also bought experience in the shape of former Manchester United duo Mike Thomas and Sammy McLroy.

So the game at the Victoria Ground is one I'm looking forward to for a change!

On the international front, it was great to see England beat Greece 3-0. I only wish I had been out there helping them.

A new-look midfield of my Spurs team-mate Gary Mabbutt, Sammy Lee and Bryan Robson was ideal for the job. They worked very hard in the heavy conditions.



The Glenn

Hoddle Column

We could have been three goals up at the interval — instead of one down — if it hadn't been for the magnificent form of 'keeper Phil Parkes. He played a blinder.

I was very pleased to see our striker Steve Archibald get a couple of goals after going through a lean spell. It has done his confidence a lot of good.

On Saturday we entertain West Brom — a side who always do very well against us at White Hart Lane. Last season they beat us 2-1 in the League with Chris Hughton scoring an own goal and Dutchman Martin Jol getting the winner.

It's good to play against West Brom because they are a footballing side. They

The success of the midfield obviously gives manager Bobby Robson another string to his bow and now it's up to me to prove I deserve to be considered by playing well for Spurs.

See you in two weeks.

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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Danny McGrain... Celtic's veteran skipper who steps out for his sixth League Cup Final.

● **WHAT** does it mean to you to lead your side out at Hampden in a cup final?

DANNY: It's obviously a great honour to captain your team in a cup final. You start every season hoping that you will be leading your side out at Hampden, and the fact that we are playing Rangers makes it even more special.

JOHN: Leading Rangers in a cup final in my very first season as captain obviously shows that I'm doing the job right. It's a very important game for the club and manager John Greig, who has built a new side.

● **DOES** a victory over the 'Auld Firm' mean more than just winning the Cup?

DANNY: I don't think there is the same intense rivalry between the teams as in the past because we play each other so often now in the League. It means more to the fans but, from the players' point of view, we want the cup whether it's at the expense of Dundee United, Aberdeen or Celtic. Playing Rangers just adds a little more spice to the occasion.

JOHN: Obviously it's a very special match from the fans' point of view because they love to see one put over the enemy and it makes victory that much sweeter or defeat that much more bitter. But it's winning the cup that's important to the players and getting that early ticket into Europe next season.

● **WHAT'S** the pressure like before an 'Auld Firm' clash?

DANNY: There is obviously more

IT'S the 'Auld Firm' showdown this Saturday with Glasgow giants Celtic and Rangers clashing at Hampden Park in the Scottish League Cup Final.

And what a contrast in experience the respective captains provide on this exciting occasion.

Danny McGrain leads out

'HALF THE CROWD HATES YOU, THE OTHER HALF LOVES YOU'

— DANNY McGRAIN CELTIC

pressure than usual because the match is built up in the Press and among the fans. But, as I have stated before, there's not so much rivalry now between the players. The tension doesn't reach the same fever pitch as it did before when we played each other just twice in a season, and a lot of the younger players are friendly with each other off the field.

JOHN: Although I am an Irishman, I still feel the pressure of an 'Auld Firm' clash, although it doesn't mean quite so much to me as for the Glasgow lads in the team.

From the fans' point of view, they keep ramming it down our throats that the most important result of the season is to beat Celtic. A victory keeps them happy at work until the next game comes around.

● **HAVE** you experienced anything like the 'Auld Firm' atmosphere anywhere else in the world?

DANNY: I have never experienced such noise and atmosphere in all my travels with Celtic and Scotland. When Scotland play at Wembley you get about 80 per cent of the crowd cheering for England, but in an Auld Firm clash it's about 50-50. Fifty per cent hate you and the other fifty per cent love you.

JOHN: There was plenty of noise when Northern Ireland beat Spain in the World Cup Finals and when we recently toppled West Germany in Belfast, but for a domestic match, there can't be anything to beat a Celtic-Rangers clash.

● **WILL** Celtic's recent League win over Rangers give them a psychological advantage on the day?

DANNY: Having beaten Rangers narrowly this season won't mean anything. We beat them three times in the League last season

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THIS is the first 'Auld Firm' Final in the League Cup since 1977-78 when Rangers took the honours 2-1.

In fact, Rangers have come out on top in the last three League Cup Final meetings.

Rangers have won the League Cup 11 times since the war in 15 Final appearances, whereas Celtic have triumphed eight times in 16 Finals during that time.

Celtic appeared in no fewer than 14 successive Finals between 1964-65 and 1977-78, which included a sequence of five successive wins and a run of seven defeats in eight years.

This will be Rangers' fourth Final in six years and they have won all the previous three — against Dundee United, Aberdeen and Celtic.

HOW THEY GOT THERE CELTIC

Qualifying Group

DUNFERMLINE (h) 6-0 — McCluskey 2, Provan 2, McGarvey, Reid (pen).

ALLOA (a) 5-0 — McCluskey, McGrain, McStay, Burns, Reid (pen).

ARBROATH (a) 3-0 — McCluskey, McGrain, Nicholas.

ALLOA (h) 4-1 — Nicholas, MacLeod, Aitken, Burns.

DUNFERMLINE (a) 7-1 — Nicholas 4, McCluskey, Burns, og.

ARBROATH (h) 4-0 — MacLeod, McCluskey, Nicholas, Dobbie.

Quarter-Finals, First Leg: PARTICK (h) 4-0 — Nicholas, McGarvey 2, Provan.

Second Leg: PARTICK (a) 3-0 — Nicholas 2, MacLeod.

Semi-Final, First Leg: DUNDEE UNITED (h) 2-0 — Nicholas (pen), McGarvey.

Second Leg: DUNDEE UNITED (a) 1-2 — Nicholas.

RANGERS

Qualifying Group

HIBERNIAN (a) 1-1 — MacDonald.

AIRDRIE (h) 3-1 — Bett, Paterson, Black.

CLYDEBANK (a) 4-1 — MacDonald 2, Prytz, McClelland.

AIRDRIE (a) 2-1 — Paterson, Dalziel.

HIBERNIAN (h) 0-0.

CLYDEBANK (h) 3-2 — Prytz (pen), Redford, MacDonald.

Quarter-Finals, First Leg: KILMARNOCK (a) 6-1 — Cooper 4, MacDonald 2.

Second Leg: KILMARNOCK (h) 6-0 — MacDonald 2, Johnstone 2, Bett (pen), McPherson.

Semi-Final, First Leg: HEARTS (h) 2-0 — Cooper, Bett.

Second Leg: HEARTS (a) 2-1 — Bett (pen), Johnstone.

Celtic in what will be his sixth League Cup Final appearance, while Irishman John McClelland hopes to take the trophy back to Rangers in his very first.

It's an intriguing contest and here the two men talk about the clash that divides Scotland's second city.

'I WON'T MIND IF WE PLAY BADLY AND WIN'

— JOHN MCCLELLAND RANGERS

and then lost to them on the fourth occasion, so on the day it could go either way. In fact, in the recent League match, I don't think anyone would have complained if it had finished 2-2.

JOHN: I agree with Danny on that point. I don't think Celtic's 3-2 win last month will make any difference. Cup Finals are one-off occasions and a lot can depend on the bounce of the ball.

● **HOW** do you rate the opposition?

DANNY: Rangers have some good players and their new-look side is certainly trying to play good football as opposed to the old 'long ball' style. So on that basis, they are far more difficult to beat now than they were in the past.

JOHN: Celtic are scoring a lot of goals and are at the top of the League and you don't achieve that unless you are a very good side. And make no mistake, they are a top class team in every sense of the word.

● **WHO** do you see as their danger men?

DANNY: Midfield player Jim Bett has come on leaps and bounds since getting into the Scotland squad, and players like Bobby Russell, Davie Cooper and Robert Prytz have been showing good form. Obviously Davie Cooper takes some containing on his day, and John MacDonald is always capable of scoring goals. But their midfield men and back-four players could be just as dangerous if they are given freedom to move forward.

JOHN: I don't believe in picking out individuals because all the Celtic players have to be treated with the same respect. You can't have a higher regard for any one player. Obviously Charlie Nicholas

is capturing the headlines but he didn't score against us in the League encounter.

● **WHO** is your own team's match-winner?

DANNY: Charlie Nicholas is having a great season with close on thirty goals already, and there's no doubt he'll be closely marked. That might give other players like Murdo MacLeod, Tommy Burns and Paul McStay the opportunity to get into scoring situations. I think we have more potential goalscorers than Rangers.

JOHN: The experience of players like Derek Johnstone and Davie Cooper could tell on the day, but there's no question that Swedish international Robert Prytz and Jim Bett are playing well in midfield. I don't care who is the match-winner so long as we win.

● **HOW** is your own team's form going into the Final?

DANNY: We've no complaints with our form at the moment in the League. We were disappointed to lose to Real Sociedad in the European Cup, but in the League we continue to score goals and pick up points.

JOHN: Our results could be better although we have been involved in two cracking matches with Celtic and Dundee United. We lost both of them so it would be nice to win a thrilling game ourselves. But we'll be well prepared on the day.

● **WHAT** are your hopes for the Final, apart from the obvious fact of wanting to win?

DANNY: I hope it's an exciting game for the fans and if we can convert one or two new



Rangers skipper John McClelland (left) battles with Celtic's Murdo MacLeod during their recent League battle.

supporters, then that will be terrific because clubs need all the support they can get at the moment. With all due respect to recent winners Dundee United, the League Cup has been rather dead, so at least a Rangers v Celtic Final will add some spice to the competition. I'll be happy with a repeat of the 3-2 League scoreline.

JOHN: I hope it's going to be a

good and entertaining game for the fans, but I won't mind if we play badly and win. All I want at the end of the day is to pick up that trophy and take it back to Ibrox. That will keep us going for a few months and boost confidence.

ABERDEEN'S Scotland star Gordon Strachan gives his Final verdict on page 19.

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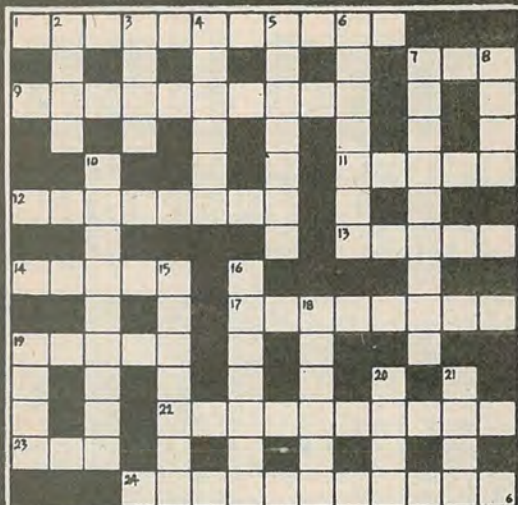
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9. This forward shares a first name with Stewart and a surname with Mick (5,5)
11. Material which may be used in making various parts of the kit (5)
12. The famous score by which Hungary beat England at Wembley in 1953 (3-5)
13. This word was once commonly (but jealously) used to describe 6 down (5)
14. Playing outfit (5)
17. Put a match on 'the box' (8)
19. The first name of the England forward whose last name is 20 down backwards (4)
22. He won 27 caps for Wales and has since managed three clubs whose names all begin with S (4,6)
23. Old Manchester City and England favourite who scored a record 13 League penalties in a season (3)
24. 'The new kit on' (anagram) — being worn by this former Blackburn, Everton, Burnley and England full-back (5,6)

Down

2. Country which competed in the 1978 World Cup... and nearly had a shock win over Scotland (4)
3. --- Robinson joined Swansea from Everton (4)
4. With some modern shirt patterns and colours, it's not always easy to read it (6)
5. After 200 League games for Bristol City, Don --- switched to Bristol Rovers in 1980 (7)
6. One of England's ill-fated entrants in this season's UEFA Cup (7)
7. The Chairman of the Football Association (9)
8. The basis on which some players go to help out other clubs from time to time (4)
10. The 91st to the 120th minutes (5,4)
15. Scottish international striker who joined Leeds from Rangers in 1980 (7)
16. He scored 13 first-class penalties last season (7)
18. The name of the English composite team which lost to Barcelona in the first-ever Fairs UEFA Cup final in 1958 (6)
19. Mr Maguire, maybe (4)
20. The sort of result which obviously never had a 1 across! (4)
21. Plato was a famous Greek — remove one letter to find a famous Pole (4)

● Solutions on Page 36

● Solution to last week's Riddle Time was Paul Hart.

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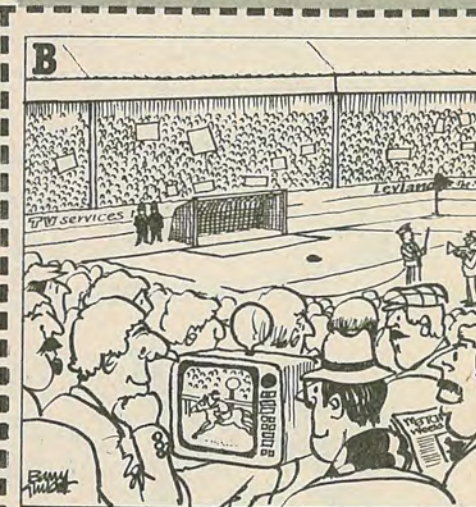
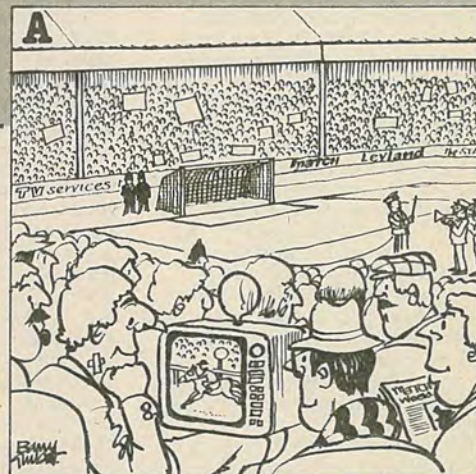
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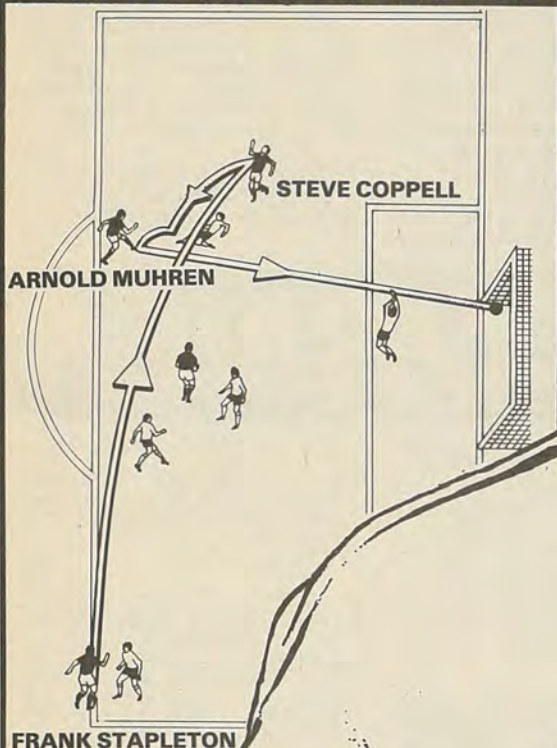
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REVIEW SPOT

NOTTS County are not one of the glamour sides in the First Division and their match day programme does little to brighten their image.

We looked at their programme for the home match with Ipswich and found it to be very basic in its format and content.

There's the traditional columns highlighting various aspects of the club, but it's not an eye-catching publication for 35p.

STAR RATING GUIDE: *****
Superb; **** Good; *** Satisfactory; ** Poor.
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And, when a visiting fan hears someone shouting 'programmes', he is unaware at the time that the person may not be an official seller.

Having bought a programme, he usually finds a poor production containing little reading material and they are worthless.

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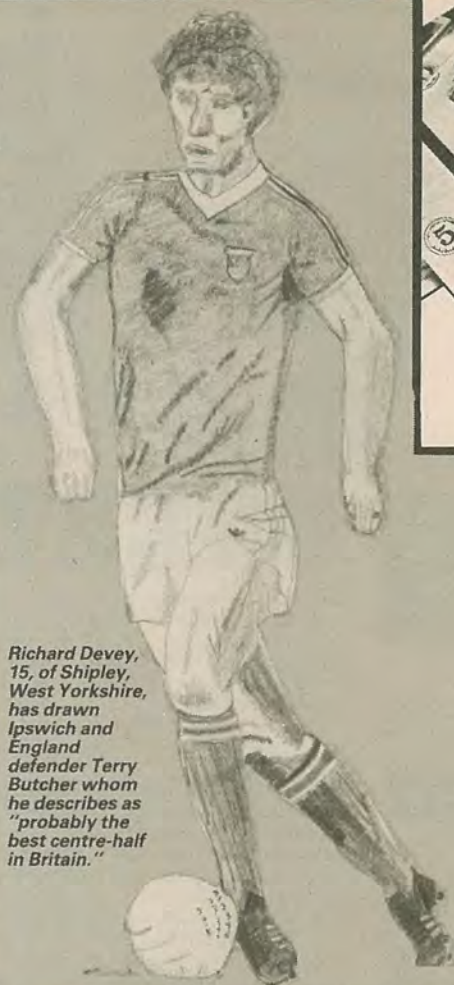
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STAR GALLERY



"Chelsea's Micky Droy deserves a place in Star Gallery because he is a first-class defender and a loyal club man," says 12-year-old Joe Payne, of London.



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"The best striker in the First Division". That's Birmingham's Mick Harford (below) according to 14-year-old Ian Smith, of Solihull, West Midlands.



Watford's Northern Ireland striker Gerry Armstrong is the subject of 13-year-old Julian Connelly, of Orpington, Kent. "He has an excellent goalscoring ability," he says.

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Charlie!

CELTIC'S explosive power in front of goal will sink 'Auld Firm' rivals Rangers in Saturday's Scottish League Cup Final at Hampden Park.

I'm going for the Premier Division leaders to run out convincing 3-1 winners simply because they possess more players with the ability to score goals.

Up front, Charlie Nicholas and Frank McGarvey have become one of the deadliest strike forces around and they're well supported with goals from midfield. Even their defenders — notably big Roy Aitken — have been known to chip in.

Young Charlie's form this season has been phenomenal. He's done great to come back with such a bang after breaking his leg last season.

It's hard to return from such a serious injury and look as sharp as ever — especially when there is so much pressure on you.

Rangers tend to rely on the goal-scoring exploits of Davie Cooper and Derek Johnstone. They don't seem to be able to score from so many different departments.

Much will depend on whether centre-half Craig Paterson is fit to return. Rangers have missed their £200,000 close season signing from Hibernian.

I predicted in 'Match' that Dundee United would beat Celtic in extra-time of the Semi-Final second leg to go through — and I was very nearly spot on!

It was only a goal from Charlie Nicholas that stopped United forcing the game into extra-time. If he hadn't scored I'm convinced United would have won yet another place in the Final.

Celtic's Roy Aitken even admitted after the game he'd never played in such a one-sided game and that Celtic were lucky to win.

While the League Cup Final is in progress, Aberdeen will be trying to get two points closer to Celtic by beating Motherwell at Fir Park.

We've got to keep the pressure on Celtic and a couple of points in the bag will be a great confidence-booster for us.

Motherwell are finding life hard since their return to the Premier Division, but we won't treat the bottom of the table side lightly.

Any side that's managed by former Rangers and Leicester boss Jock Wallace isn't going to be easy to beat. They gave Celtic a tough time before finally going down 3-1.

Jock demands that his lads are fit. That's why he gets them running up and down sand

dunes. If he can't find any, he builds them!

The following Saturday we face our real Championship test when we entertain Celtic at Pittodrie in a match we've got to win.

It doesn't matter if we win all our other games during the

season. To lift the title, you've got to beat them.

We're quite confident that we can pull off a result because we've got a good record against Billy McNeill's side. We're the only team to beat them in the League this season.

The side that displays the most commitment and will-to-win will triumph on the day. I hope it's Aberdeen.

The match always attracts a full house and Celtic usually bring up around 10,000 fans for the trip.

On the international scene, Scotland were disappointed to come away from Switzerland with their European Championship hopes dented by our 2-0 defeat.

We faded in the second half and I felt it was always going to be the side which scored first who'd win the game.

We had plenty of opportunities to go ahead in the first half but we just didn't take them. I've never played in a Scotland side which has created so many goal-scoring opportunities.

But the simple fact of the matter is that if you don't make the most of those chances, you won't win anything.

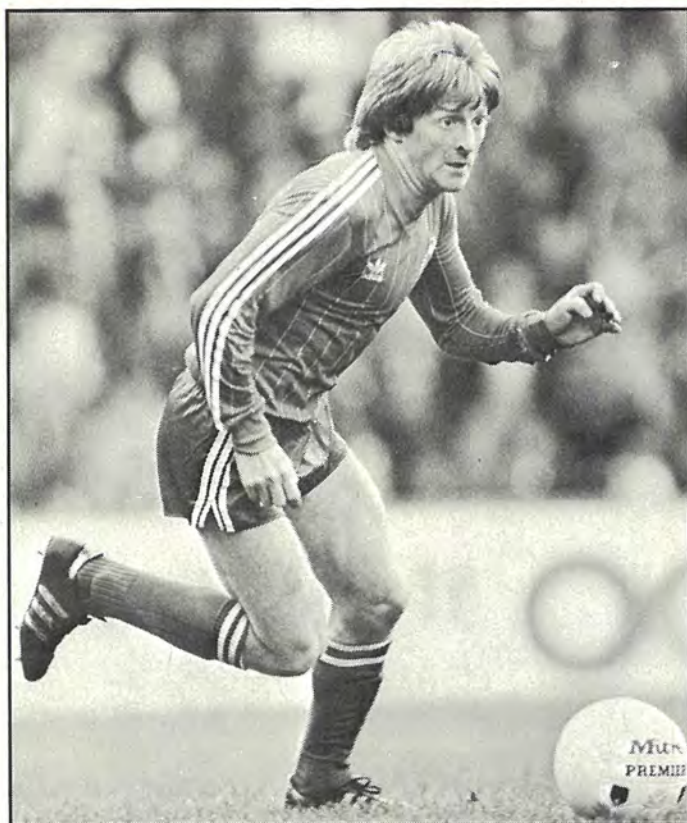
I was upset because, despite their win over World Champions Italy, I don't think the Swiss are a particularly good side.

It was only when Claudio Sulser scored five minutes after the re-start that they changed from an ordinary side into a good one. It gave them added confidence.

Conditions in Berne were terrible and it was so wet before the game that we didn't get much chance to train when we arrived in Switzerland.

The conditions on the night were really heavy and some of the heftier lads seemed to sink into the ground. I was alright because I'm only light!

Now we face a tough European Championship tie in Belgium on Wednesday, December 15 and we'll be happy to come away with a draw.



The GORDON STRACHAN Column

The Aberdeen and Scotland star gives you his exclusive views on Saturday's League Cup Final between Glasgow giants Celtic and Rangers... and brings you his verdict on his country's European Championship hopes.

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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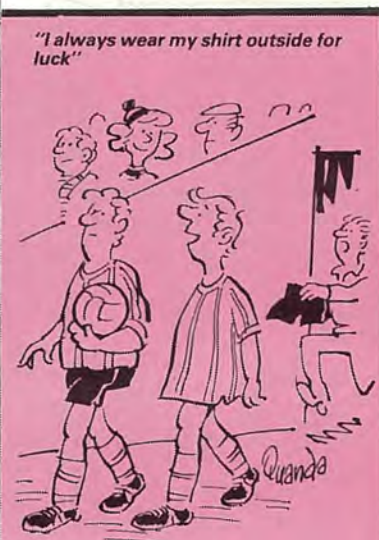


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TERRACE TALK

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So get those letters coming in NOW and you could be the envy of your friends.

Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

I AM disgusted that a team of Manchester United's reputation should lose to lowly Brighton.

United boss Ron Atkinson has done the club no good at all. He has squandered millions on untalented players.

Paul Tempest (13), Scunthorpe, South Humberside.

● **A MERE hiccup at Brighton will not stop 'untalented' United from winning the League title.**

SOMETHING must be done to halt the enormous number of sendings-off this season.

Every Saturday sees more and more players ordered off under the professional foul ruling.

It can't go on. Referees must be given a firm ruling as to what constitutes a professional foul to rid the game of many inconsistent decisions.

David Smith (13), Styvechale, Coventry.

MARK Chamberlain, Stoke's flying black winger, is already being hailed as the new Stanley Matthews.

And there are many similarities. Both played at outside-right for Stoke and both have been blessed by great ball skills. But will Mark win as many England caps as the legendary Sir Stanley? I wonder.

It would be very revealing to hear what Stan thinks about his modern day equivalent.

Victor Butchers, Stone, Kent.

AS A Liverpool supporter, I was thrilled to see Sammy Lee included in England's team for the European Championship clash in Greece.

Sammy is one of the most energetic and skilful players in the game. He packs a terrific shot and rightly deserves his promotion from England Under-21 status.

Ian MacKay (14), Uttroter, Staffs.

I HOPE Laura Hooker of Leonards-on-Sea takes back what she said in 'Terrace Talk' about the Scottish FA not paying English clubs for the use of Scottish players in internationals.

We can do without the 'Anglos' when we have home-based talent of the quality of: Jim Leighton, Gordon Strachan, Willie Miller, Alex McLeish (all Aberdeen), David Narey, Paul Sturrock, Paul Hegarty (all Dundee Utd), Davie Provan, Charlie Nicholas, Roy Aitken, Paul McStay, Frank McGarvey (all Celtic) and Jim Bett (Rangers).

Gordon Deas (16), Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

CONGRATULATIONS 'Match'. Your new feature 'Programme Parade' is just what I've been waiting for. I've been collecting programmes for a year and this is just what I need to boost my interest in my collection.

Ella Brett (13), Huntingdon.

I AM annoyed with Leicester manager Gordon Milne for swopping striker Jim Melrose for Coventry City's Tom English.

While Jim has been scoring for Coventry, Tom has been a flop at Leicester.

Keith Hall, Lutterworth, Leics.

IN MALTA, we watch a lot of European football on TV. Most of the soccer is English, Italian and German and I can't understand why people are criticising the state of the game in England.

From what I've seen on telly, the English League is still the best in the world and, provided manager Bobby Robson makes the right selections, I'm sure England will give the Germans and Italians a hard time in the European Championship Finals in France.

Ray Abdilla, Gzira, Malta.

I REALLY feel sorry for West Brom full-back Derek Statham. No matter what he does, nothing seems to work out for him.

Ron Greenwood ignored Derek during his reign as England manager and when Bobby Robson decided to make several changes, the Albion defender was injured.

No wonder poor Derek said in 'Match' recently that he thought he was jinxed. It really is bad luck that a player of his class should not have played at full international level for England. Michael McHale, Co Dublin, Republic of Ireland.



West Brom's Derek Statham — bad luck that he's never played for England.

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GREAT GUNNERS

ANYONE who still thinks that Arsenal are a boring side should have been at the match between Luton and 'The Gunners' at Kenilworth Road.

Arsenal played with such skill and endeavour that even Liverpool and Tottenham would have found it difficult to match.

And, along with Luton's enterprising play, the match produced thrilling entertainment with goals and several near-misses.

I was also impressed with the atmosphere generated in the small Kenilworth Road ground. The fans were friendly, the disc jockey played the latest pop records and an excellent British Rail service produced a memorable day out.

David Spears (15), Cockfosters, Herts.

ADAM Gold, writing in 'Terrace Talk' heaped praise on Coventry's all-seater stadium. I wonder why.

I and my 11-year-old son follow Arsenal, home and away, and we have visited nearly every First Division ground. The game we least look forward to is Arsenal's match at Coventry, even though it is the closest Division One stadium to our home.

Our policy is to send for seat tickets at the major clubs but to buy our tickets on match days at the less well-supported clubs. This usually works well because we can get seats well away from any likely trouble spots. Some clubs, like Forest and Stoke, offer reduced prices for children.

Not at Coventry. If you purchase a ticket on match day at Highfield Road, the cheapest seat is £5 — 50p more than the price for the pair of us at Forest! And you take pot luck where you sit. The last time, we were unfortunate enough to sit near a crowd of swearing youths.

I understand that Coventry are now trying reduced match day admission — for a trial period.

The Sky Blues will do well to make the reductions permanent. Coventry's poor attendances this season prove the folly of their ways. A smart all-seater stadium is of little value if the fans can't afford a seat.

Graham Moseley, Kingsley, Northampton.

A RECENT letter in 'Terrace Talk' suggested that the Charity Shield should be changed with the English League champions taking on the Scottish Premier Division champions in the Wembley season-opener.

Why not make the Charity Shield more of a crowd-puller by staging two semi-finals. English League winners v Scottish Cup holders and Scottish League champions v English Cup winners — with the qualifiers to fight out a Wembley final?

It would certainly make the Charity Shield a more appealing event than it is at the moment. Kevin Bradley (14), Banbury, Oxon.

GOLDEN GOOF

WHOEVER made this 'Golden Goof' should get the 'Bullitt'. Scottish international defender Gordon McQueen has been replaced in the Manchester United line-up by late film star Steve McQueen. It was spotted by Adrian Cathcart, of Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

Higgins in defence.

Third-placed Manchester United, dislodged from the top by that West Ham defeat, go to Brighton with Steve McQueen back in defence for the injured Martin Buchan and Remi Moses likely to be preferred to Ashley Grimes in

AFTER watching the recent Celtic v Rangers clash, played in front of 61,000 fans, it confirmed my view that Scottish football is much more exciting to watch than English soccer.

It amazes me when the English boast about their League being the best in the world. The only reason that English football is rated so highly is that there are a large number of Scots, Irish, Welsh and foreign stars in the First Division.

Just look at Liverpool. The Anfield giants field three Scots, one Welshman, two Irishmen and a Rhodesian and they are described as 'the cream of English football!'

John McKenzie, Greenock, Scotland.

● THE reason the English League is rated the best in the world is that it is highly competitive. Which does not apply to Scotland where just four teams monopolise all the trophies.

WHAT has Bobby Robson got against Wolves? In all the squads he has named, whether it be Under-21, 'B' or full international, the England boss has yet to pick a Wanderers player.

Surely the likes of Mel Eves, Peter Daniel and Wayne Clarke deserve a look-in. They have been turning out consistently good performances all season.

Bobby should take a trip to Molineux and see for himself. Lance Thomas, Gosport, Hants.



Wolves' Wayne Clarke — should get a chance in one of the England squads.



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THE return of prodigal son Peter Ward to Brighton has banished young striker Andy Ritchie to the soccer wilderness.

Former England Under 21 striker Andy is in the reserves after losing his place to Peter and he now fears for his future at The Goldstone Ground.

Andy is clearly unhappy at Mike Bailey's decision to drop him and says: "I think he was hasty. I didn't deserve the chop."

"I couldn't agree with him when he said I wasn't playing well. I don't know why he singled me out because I haven't done any better — or worse — than the rest of the lads."

"He said that my goalscoring record this season wasn't good. I've scored one although you've got to look at things in perspective. Our top scorer is Gerry Ryan with just three. I'm not making excuses, but no-one else has been producing the goods up front either."

"I may not have scored as many goals as I could, but I've been fairly happy with other aspects of my play. I felt as though I was contributing something to the side."

"The manager also told me that I lacked confidence this season. Being dropped isn't going to help that."

"I haven't asked for a transfer and I hope it doesn't come to that, but I can't sit around in the reserves too long. I've got my livelihood to consider."

Ironically Andy was the man Brighton bought to replace their star striker Peter Ward when he moved to Nottingham Forest in October 1980 for £400,000. Andy immediately moved south from Manchester United in a £500,000 deal.

"Peter's return came as a complete surprise to me," admits Andy: "The first I knew of it was when he arrived for training."

"I certainly didn't think my place was

'I didn't deserve the chop'

— Andy Ritchie

up for grabs," adds Andy, who hasn't played since Peter made his return in the 3-1 victory over West Ham.

"One of the reasons I moved from Old Trafford was because I couldn't see a future for me there and I was getting fed up with reserve team football."

"It's very difficult to motivate yourself in the reserves after you've been used to playing in front of large crowds. I've just got to keep plugging away now and hope I get a chance to prove myself again."

Last season Andy formed a feared striking partnership with Eire international Michael Robinson and he finished up as Brighton's leading scorer

with 13 League goals.

"It's been a disappointing start to the campaign for me and the club. We were both hoping for better things," he admits.

"After finishing 13th in the First Division we were hoping that we'd be able to consolidate our position and perhaps challenge for a place in Europe."

It just hasn't worked that way and thanks mainly to a disastrous away record — they haven't won since beating mighty Liverpool at Anfield back in March — the club are struggling at the wrong end of the table.

Brighton have had five goals hammered past them at West Brom and Luton and conceded four at Nottingham Forest and Watford already this season. Andy admits: "We just seem to fall apart."

"When we went to West Brom we played quite well for the first hour and then after making a couple of errors the floodgates just seemed to open."

Andy believes that Brighton are getting punished for trying to adopt a more positive approach away from home this season. He says: "Last term we got a lot of stick for our away performances."

"We were accused of being boring and defensive. We frustrated the home fans by soaking up a lot of pressure and then trying to hit teams on the break."

"We've tried to get away from that boring image and play more attacking football. We've pushed forward more and been punished for it."

"There's no doubt that our away record — the worst in the First Division — is the cause of our problems because we've played well at home and got some good results."

"I'm sure that if we can cut out those blunders in defence we'll be able to climb back up the table."

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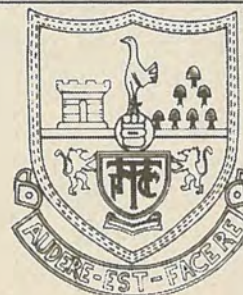


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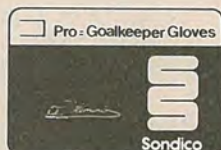
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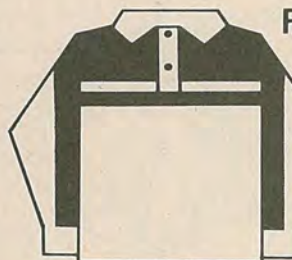


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From a captain's point of view, I want him to stay at Ipswich.

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But that's looking at the Scottish striker's situation from a purely selfish angle.

I have to look at both sides of the coin, and the prospect of joining Manchester United must appeal to an ambitious 23-year-old like Alan.

United manager Ron Atkinson has made it no secret that he is a great admirer of Alan, and no doubt that kind of public declaration has made him unsettled.

One can envisage the attraction for a young striker in the prospect of joining one of the most famous clubs in the world.

All I can hope for is a change of heart from Alan so that we can keep one of the best young strikers in the country.

He claims that a change of clubs would give him a lift in terms of goal-scoring and that he is missing the service of Arnold Muhren.

That may be so, but he certainly produced the goods at Coventry last week with a point-saving goal that only Alan would have scored.

There is no question that Alan's mind at the moment is not 100 per cent on his football.

He must wonder whether the next game is to be his last for Ipswich or whether the transfer saga will drag on as in the case of Eric Gates.

I hope for everyone's sake that the situation is resolved as quickly as possible.

If there is no sign of an immediate move then I hope Alan can put that to the back of his mind and continue to shine in the Ipswich attack.

Although we probably have too much ground to make up in the title race, we are certainly looking for a place in the UEFA Cup next season, and having Alan in our side would considerably improve our chances.

But if he does make the break from Portman Road, then, as in the case of former skipper Mick Mills, we will just have to battle on.

On the subject of Mick, it was very strange

to play against him at Southampton last week.

I came in contact with him quite regularly during our 1-0 win at The Dell as it was my job to try and block his attempts to attack down the left.

I know he was disappointed to finish on the losing side against his old team-mates and, as for those reports that I had snubbed him at the final whistle, well, they were completely fabricated.

At the request of a lot of travelling fans who have written to the club, the players now express their gratitude by waving to them at the finish.

That's what I was doing when it appears that Mick was coming across to shake hands. I just didn't see him, but there was no question of me ignoring him.

Let's face it, he was my team-mate and England room-mate for years.

It's a great honour for me to follow in the footsteps of Mick as captain of Ipswich, and if I can lead with the same distinction as him, then I will be more than happy.

I hope I can lead the side by example, and it could be that the additional responsibility could improve my performances.

With so many experienced players in the side, it's not going to be a question of

bellowing at players, and with Russell Osman as my deputy, he can look after matters in the defensive areas.

I've certainly not had a bad start as captain with a 6-1 thrashing of West Brom, a 1-0 win at Southampton and a 1-1 draw at Coventry in my first three games.

Mick's left back replacement, young Irvin Gernon, has made an impressive start to his First Division career.

He's looked cool and calm and uses the ball intelligently as well as providing us with more height at the back.

Just a brief word on England. I'm looking forward to the European Championship match with Luxembourg at Wembley later this month.

For it was against Luxembourg that I made my England debut as a substitute for Joe Royle in March, 1977.

It would be nice to think we can achieve the same 5-0 scoreline as that night at Wembley nearly six years ago.

See you in two weeks.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.

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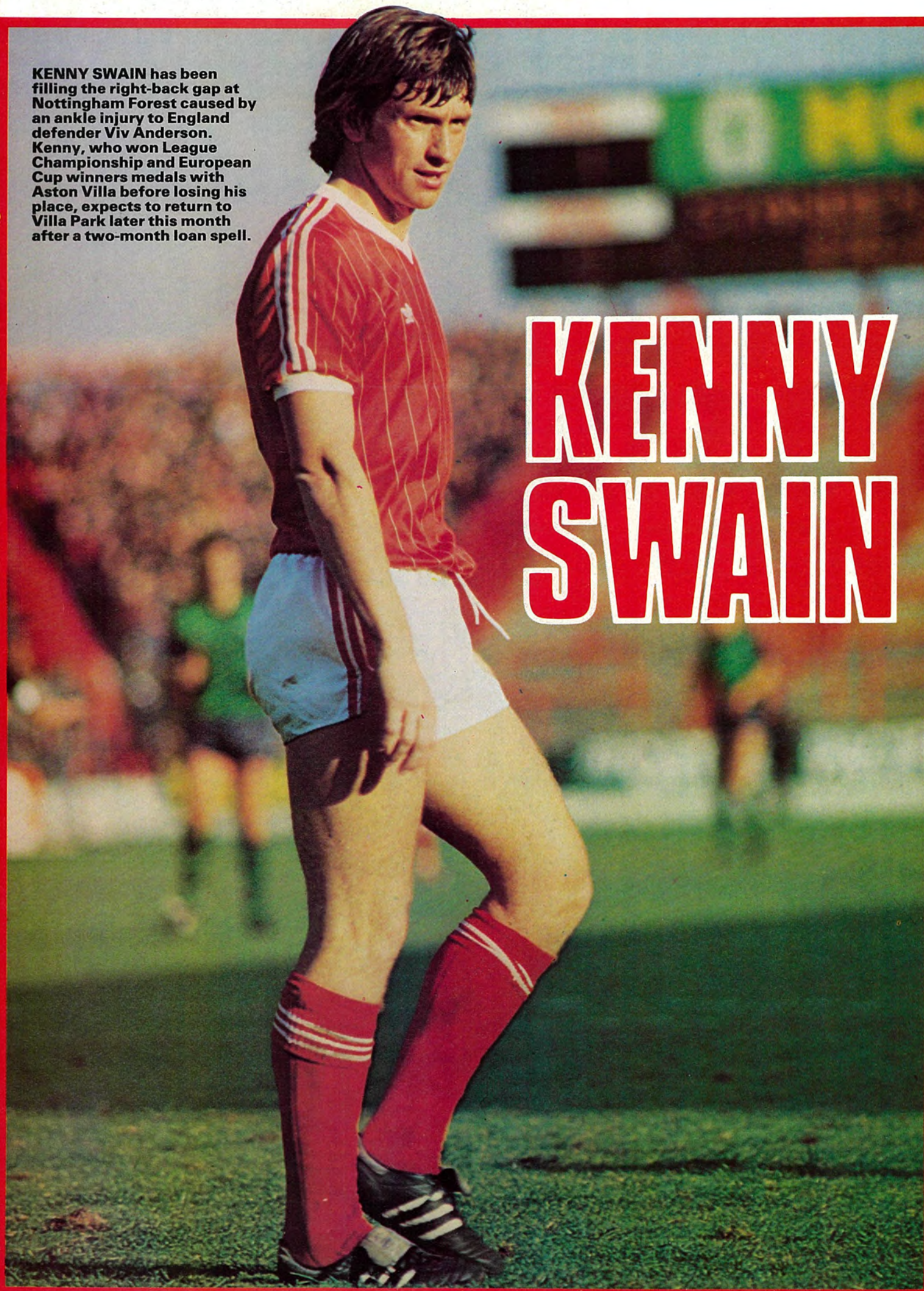
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Pen pals

KENNY SWAIN has been filling the right-back gap at Nottingham Forest caused by an ankle injury to England defender Viv Anderson. Kenny, who won League Championship and European Cup winners medals with Aston Villa before losing his place, expects to return to Villa Park later this month after a two-month loan spell.

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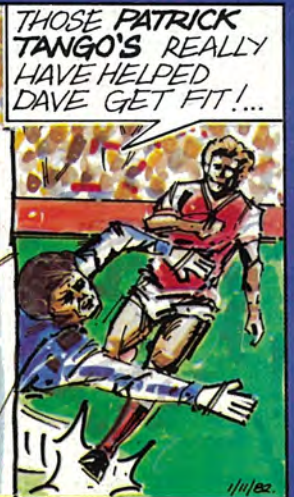
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STAR CHALLENGE



Above: Elizabeth Jamieson has thrown out a 'Star Challenge' to her Liverpool hero Bruce Grobbelaar (right).



MANCHESTER United will be all out for revenge against their cup bogey side Watford, when the two sides clash for the first time in the First Division.

The 'Red Devils' have made early exits from cup competitions at the hands of the newly promoted Watford side in the last couple of years.

Black striker Luther Blissett killed United off with two goals at Old Trafford three seasons ago in the Third Round of the League Cup and last year the soccer giants were sent crashing out of the F.A. Cup by the then Second Division side at Vicarage Road. Jan Lohman was the scorer in the 1-0 victory.

Another top game from Saturday's Division One fixtures is the Nottingham derby between County and Forest at Meadow Lane.

County will be looking to reverse the result of the corresponding game last season when they were on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline.

Taking part in this week's 'Star Challenge' is 14-year-old Elizabeth Jamieson, who has thrown down the gauntlet to Liverpool's extrovert goalkeeper Bruce

Grobbelaar. Elizabeth lives in Southampton.

Bruce has predicted the scoreline of ten First Division matches and you can see his forecasts alongside Elizabeth's.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and if Elizabeth scores more than Bruce she will be awarded a special 'Star Challenge' certificate.

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And don't forget to state your favourite team and favourite players. Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

● CONGRATULATIONS to 'Match' readers Andrew Raishbrook of Barnet, and Helen Chadwick of Newbury. Andrew beat Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey six points to three on November 13, and Helen beat Brighton skipper Steve Foster 6-4 on November 20.

This week's star guest BRUCE GROBBELAAR

FIXTURES

Friday Dec. 3
DIVISION THREE

Southend v Preston

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v York
Crewe v Torquay
Halifax v Northampton

Saturday Dec. 4
DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v West Ham
Coventry v Brighton
Everton v Birmingham
Man. C v Arsenal
Norwich v Liverpool
Notts Co. v Nott'm F.
Southampton v Stoke
Sunderland v Ipswich
Swansea v Luton
Spurs v West Brom
Watford v Man Utd

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Barnsley
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Carlisle v Shrewsbury
Charlton v Newcastle
Chelsea v Burnley
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DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Hull
Bury v Aldershot
Chester v Hartlepool
Darlington v Wimbledon
Hereford v Scunthorpe
Mansfield v Stockport
Port Vale v Tranmere
Rochdale v Bristol C
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Celtic v Rangers

PREMIER DIVISION

Kilmarnock v St Mirren
Morton v Hibernian
Motherwell v Aberdeen

FIRST DIVISION

Aloa v Queens Park
Clydebank v Ayr
Dumbarton v Clyde
Dunfermline v Airdrie
Falkirk v St. Johnstone
Hearts v Raith
Partick v Hamilton

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v East Stirling
Berwick v Queen of Sth
Brechin v Stenhousemuir
East Fife v Meadowbank
Forfar v Cowdenbeath
Stirling A. v Arbroath
Stranraer v Montrose

Tuesday Dec 7
DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Aston Villa

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

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Notts C. v Nott'm Forest	0-2	3-3		
Southampton v Stoke	1-3	0-1		
Sunderland v Ipswich	1-2	1-2		
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Spurs v West Brom	1-0	2-2		
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Sunday, Nov. 21 FA Cup, First Round

WIGAN (0) 0
TELFORD (0) 0
Att: 4,805
Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 6, Weston 7,
Cribbley 7, ***METHVEN 8**, Butler 6, Langley
6, Williams 7, Houghton 7, Bradd 6, Sheldon
7.
Telford: ***CHARLTON 9**, Lewis 8, Walker 7,
Martin 7, Turner 8, Joseph 6, Barnett 6,
Hogan 7, Neale 7, Mather 7, Alcock 7.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

Monday, Nov. 22 FA Cup, First Round, Replay

NORTHWICH VICTORIA (0) 3 (Chesters 65,
Ward 107, 118)
CHESTER (0) 1 (Williams 75)
After Extra Time
Att: 4,014
Northwich: Ryan 7, Fretwell 7, Murphy 8,
Jones 8, Forshaw 7, Bennett 7, Anderson 6
(sub. Morley 7), Bradley 7, ***WARD 9**,
Chesters 8, Wilson 7.
Chester: Salmon 7, Bradley 6, Lane 7,
***STORTON 8**, Zelem 6, Blackwell 6,
Sloan 5, Cooke 5, Thomas 6, Ludlam 6 (sub.
Williams 7), Simpson 7.
Referee: A. Hamill (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, Nov. 23 FA Cup, First Round, Replay

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Jones 35, Hemmerman 55,
Ingram 64)
WOKINGHAM (0) 0
Att: 3,755
Cardiff: Dibble 7, Jones 7, Bodin 6, Ingram 6,
Dwyer 6, Mullen 7, ***BENNETT, D 8** (sub.
Micallef 6), Tong 7, Gibbins 6, Hemmerman 7,
Lewis 7.
Wokingham: Hatcher 7, Steer 6, Ryan 7,
Wilkes 7, ***PURSER 8**, Cox 7, Cottrell 6,
Torrance 7, Morton 6, Brown 6, Stanley 7
(sub. Gane 6).
Referee: C. Downey (Middlesex)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (0) 4 (Tynan 54, 60, pen 87,
Aldridge 85)
ENFIELD (2) 2 (Taylor 17, Turner, pen 20)
Att: 4,014
Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 6, Vaughan 7,
Bailey 7, Gwyther 6, Relish 6, Lowndes 7,
Aldridge 7, ***TYNAN 8**, Elsey 6, Moore 6
(sub. Davies 6).
Enfield: Jacobs 6, Savage 7, Tone 6, Barrett
6, Waite 7, Ironton 6 (sub. Holmes 6), Oliver 6,
Taylor 7, Ashford 7, ***TURNER 8**, King 7.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (Morris 6,
Edwards 62)
HULL (0) 0
Att: 12,232
Sheff Utd: Conroy 6, Henderson 6, Garner 5,
Richardson 6, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6,
Morris 7, Charles 7, Edwards 7, Brazil 7,
***CURRAN 8**.
Hull: Norman 6, McNeil 6, ***ASKEW 8**,
Roberts, D 7, Skipper 7, Booth 7, Marwood 7,
McClaren 6, Whitehurst 7, Mutrie 6, Roberts,
G 7.
Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

TELFORD (0) 2 (Walker 70, Neale 73)
WIGAN (0) 1 (Butler 49)
Att: 5,097
Telford: Charlton 8, Eaton 8, Turner 7,
Joseph 7, ***WALKER 9**, Martin 8, Barnett 7,
Neale 7, Mather 6, Hogan 7, Alcock 7.
Wigan: Tunks 5, McMahon 6, ***WESTON 9**,
Butler 7, Cribbley 8, Methven 7, Sheldon 6,
Langley 7, Bradd 6, Houghton 6, Williams 5.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

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WIMBLEDON (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Coffill 17, 90)
Att: 2,097
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, ***LESLIE 8**, Jones 6,
Galliers 6, Smith 6, Morris 6, Dibble 6,
Ketteridge 6, Entwistle 5 (sub. Gage 6),
Downes 7, Evans 7.
Northampton: ***FREEMAN 8**, Brady 6,
Phillips 6, Gage 7, Burrows 6, Heeley 7,
Saxby 6, Buchanan 6, Coffill 7, Denyer 6,
Massey 6.
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

Milk Cup, Third Round, Replay

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Sunderland 4, 40, 79)
EVERTON (0) 0
Att: 19,547
Arsenal: Wood 7, O'Shea 7, Sansom 7, Talbot
8, O'Leary 7, Whyte 7, Davis 7.
***SUNDERLAND 9**, Robson 7, Woodcock 7
(sub. Chapman 6), Rix 7.
Everton: Arnold 6, Stevens 6, Ratcliffe 5,
Wright 6, Higgins 6, McMahon 5, Heath 5,
Johnson 5, Sharp 5, King 5, ***SHEDDY 7**.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Kent)
Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, Nov. 24 FA Cup, First Round, Replay

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Gynn 43, Cooke,
pen 63)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Walker 27)
Att: 3,185
Peterborough: Seaman 6, Winters 7, Collins
6, ***GYNN 8**, Firm 6, Slack 6, Clarke 7,
Rowdaway 7, Cooke 7, Benjamin 6 (sub. Quow),
Chard 6.
Chesterfield: Gregory 7, Pollard 6, O'Neill 6,
***WILSON 8**, Green 7, Henson 6 (sub.
Windridge), Stirk 6, Henderson 6, Walker 7,
Kowalski 6, Carroll 6.
Referee: R. Nixon (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

Milk Cup, Third Round, Replay

MANCHESTER UNITED (3) 4 (Moses 2,
Albiston 10, Moran 26, Coppell 62)
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 76)
Att: 24,507
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Albiston 6,
Moses 7, Moran 6, McQueen 6, Robson 7,
***MUHNEN 8**, Stapleton 6, Macari 6, Coppell
7 (sub. Whiteside).
Bradford: McManus 5, Podd 6, Chapman 6,
McCall 6, ***COOKE 8**, Jackson 5, Gray 6,
Ellis 7, Campbell 6, McNiven 5, Mellor 5.
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (1) 3 (Watson 41, 61, Deehan 77)
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Cummins 15)
Att: 10,776
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Van Wyk 7,
McGuire 7, Walford 6, ***WATSON 8**,
Barham 7, O'Neill 6, Deehan 7, Bertschin 6
(sub. Donowa), Jack 6.

Division One

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Thomas 69)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Brazil 75)
Att: 9,550
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 7,
Butterworth 6, ***DYSON 8**, Gillespie 6,
Whitton 6, Jacobs 7, Hateley 6, Thompson 6,
Hunt 6.
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 6, Gernon 5,
Thijssen 6, Osman 7 (sub. D'Avray 6),
***BUTCHER 8**, Wark 5, McCall 6, Mariner 5,
Brazil 6, Gates 5.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwin)
Match Rating: ★★

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Sunderland: Turner 6, Venison 6, Munro 7, Atkins 6, Elliott 6, Nicholl 6, Buckley 7 (sub. Hindmarch), Rowell 7, **★WEST 8**, McCoist 6, Cummins 7.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 4 (Williams 14, Moran 68, Puckett 75, Holmes 80)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
Att: 13,298

Southampton: Shilton 7, Agboola 7, Rofe 7, Williams 7, Nicholl 7, **★WRIGHT 8**, Holmes 7, Moran 7, Cassells 6 (sub. Puckett), Armstrong 6, Wallace 6.
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Bond 7, Power 7, Caton 6, **★REID 8**, Reeves 7, Cross 6, Hartford 6, Baker 6.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

UEFA Cup, Third Round, First Leg

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 2 (Milne 14, Narey 83)
WERDER BREMEN (0) 1 (Meier 65)
Att: 12,000

Other results: Moscow Spartak (USSR) 0, Valencia (Spain) 0; Anderlecht (Belgium) 6, Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 1; Cologne (W. Germany) 1, Roma (Italy) 1; FC Zurich (Switzerland) 1, Benfica (Portugal) 1; Servette (Switzerland) 2, Bohemians Prague (Czech) 2.

Friday, Nov. 26 Division Four

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Phillips 25)
SWINDON (1) 2 (Emmanuel 13, Rowland 53)
Att: 2,197
Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Sherlock 8, Emerson 8, Bowles 7, Thorpe 8, Williams 6, Phillips 8, Quinn 8, Park 8, **★COYLE 9**.

Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 8, Baddeley 8, Emmanuel 8, Lewis 8, Graham 7, **★PRITCHARD 9**, Batty 7, Rideout 8, Rowland 8, Barnard 7.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Nov. 27 Division One

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Robson 37, Talbot 71)
WATFORD (1) 4 (Barnes 42, 57, Jackett 50, Robson, og 86)
Att: 34,287
Arsenal: Wood 6, O'Shea 6, Sansom 7, Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Whyte 6, Davis 7, Sunderland 6, Robson 6, **★WOODCOCK 8**, Rix 7.
Watford: **★SHERWOOD 8**, Rice 7, Rostron 6, Taylor 7, Sims 7, Bolton 7, Callaghan 7, Blissett 7, Jenkins 6, Jackett 7, Barnes 7.
Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Ferguson 35, Evans 51)
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Rowell 88)
Att: 12,375

Birmingham: Blyth 6, Hagan 6, Dennis 6, Stevenson 5, Blake 6, Broadhurst 5, Dillon 6, Evans 5, Ferguson 6, **★CURBISHLEY 7**, Handsides 6.

Sunderland: Turner 5, Nicholl 5, Munro 5, Atkins 5, **★ELLIOTT 7**, Chisholm 6, Buckley 6, Rowell 5, Cooke 5, McCoist 5, Cummins 6 (sub. West 6).
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★

BRIGHTON (0) 0
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (McCulloch 25, 58)
Att: 10,008
Brighton: Moseley 6, Stevens 6, Nelson 6, **★RYAN 8**, Foster 6, Gattling 6, Case 6, McNab 7, Robinson 5, Ward 5, Smillie 5 (sub. Ritchie 6).
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6.

Worthington 6, Hunt 6, ★KILCLINE 8, Richards 6, Chiedozie 7, Christie 6, McCulloch 7, Hooks 7, Mair 6.
Referee: T. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Osman 23, Burley 34, Wark 65)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (James, L 83)
Att: 17,849

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, Barnes 7, **★THIJSEN 8**, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 7, McCall 7, Mariner 7, Brazil 7, Gates 7.
Swansea: Davies 6, Stanley 6, Hadziabdic 6, Rajkovic 6, **★MAHONEY 7**, Charles 6, Loveridge 6, James, R 6, James, L 6, Stevenson 5, Latchford 6.
Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Neal, pen 20, Dalglish 49, 79)

TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Att: 40,691
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 7, Thompson 7, Johnston 8, Hansen 8, **★DALGLISH 9**, Lee 8, Rush 8, Lawrenson 7, Souness 7.
Spurs: **★CLEMENCE 9**, Hughton 6, Price 5, O'Reilly 5, Hazard 6, Perryman 6, Villa 7, Archibald 5, Galvin 6, Mabbutt 5, Crooks 6.
Referee: G. Courtney (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (0) 3 (Hill 63, Stein 69, Goodyear 87)
SOUTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Wallace 26, Cassells 40, Armstrong 84)
Att: 11,196
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 7 (sub. Antic 7), **★HORTON 9**, Goodyear 8, Donaghy 7, Hill 8, Stein 7, Walsh 7, Turner 5, Moss 6.
Southampton: Shilton 8, Agboola 7, Mills 8, Williams 8, **★NICHOLL 9**, Wright 8, Rofe 6, Moran 7, Cassells 8, Armstrong 8, Wallace 8.
Referee: K. P. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 3 (Muhren 35, Robson 44, 57)
NORWICH (0) 0
Att: 34,579

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 7, Albiston 6, Moses 6, Moran 6, McQueen 6, Robson 7, Muhren 7, **★STAPLETON 8**, Whiteside 7, Coppell 7.
Norwich: **★WOODS 8**, Haylock 5, Hareide 6, Van Wyk 6, Walford 5, Watson 6, Barham 7, O'Neill 6, Deehan 6, Bertschin 6, Bennett 5 (sub. Jack 5).
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 3 (Young 41, Birtles 47, 70)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
Att: 18,845

Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 7, Swain 7, Gunn 7, Todd 7, Young 8, Bowyer 7, Proctor 7, Wallace 8, **★BIRTLES 9**, Hodge 8, Roberts 8.
Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, **★REID 7**, Power 6, Caton 6, Tueart 6, Reeves 6, Cross 6, Bond 6, May 6.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Parkin, og 30, Shaw 67, 80)
Att: 18,886

Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin 6, Hampton 6, **★BRACEWELL 8**, Watson 7, McAughtrie 7, Maguire 5, McIlroy 6, O'Callaghan 5, Thomas 7, Chamberlain, M 6.

Aston Villa: Rimmer 8, Jones 7, Williams 7, Evans 8, McNaught 7, Mortimer 6, Bremner 8, **★SHAW 9**, Withe 6, Cowans 7, Morley 7.
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST BROM (1) 2 (Robertson 37, Regis 88)
COVENTRY (0) 0
Att: 12,115
West Brom: Godden 7, Whitehead 7, Statham 6, **★ZONDERVAN 9**, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Jol 7, Cross 6, Regis 6, Owen 6, Eastoe 6.

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Coventry: ★SEALEY 8, Thomas 7, Roberts 7, Butterworth 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 6, Whitton 6, Jacobs 5, Hately 5 (sub. Melrose 6), Thompson 6, Hunt 6
Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Stevens, og 16, Bonds 88)
EVERTON (0) 0
 Att: 21,424
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Devonshire 7 (sub. Morgan), Van der Elst 7, Goddard 7, Clark 6, Allen 6, ★PIKE 8.
Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 6, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 6, Wright 7, ★MCMAHON 8, Irvine 6, Heath 6 (sub. Johnson 6), Sharp 6, King 6, Sheedy 6
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Martin (West Ham), Irvine (Everton)

Division Two

BARNESLEY (1) 2 (Campbell 17, Glavin, pen 54)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Butterworth 36)
 Att: 21,530
Barnsley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 7, Glavin 7, Banks 8, McCarthy 7, Souter 7.
★CAMPBELL 9, Cunningham 7, Ainscow 7, Barrowclough 7.
Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 7, Gray, F. 7, Sheridan 6, Hart 7, Burns 7, Hird 6, Connor 7.
★BUTTERWORTH 8, Thomas 7, Graham 7.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

BOLTON (2) 3 (Foster 26, Doyle 43, Thompson 52)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Wilson 68)
 Att: 5,060
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 5, Deakin 6, McGovern 6, Jones 6, Doyle 8, Chandler 6, Henry 6, Foster 7, ★REID 9, Thompson 7.
Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 6, Friar 6, MacDonald 5, May 6, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6.
★LINEKER 7, Kelly 6, English 5 (sub. Smith, A. 6), Wilson 6.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Friar (Leicester)

BURNLEY (1) 1 (McGee 37)
DERBY COUNTY (0) 1 (Richards 81)
 Att: 7,484
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 7, Wharton 6.
★CASSIDY 8, Phelan 7, Flynn 6, Dobson 7, Stevens 6, Hamilton 6, Taylor 7, McGee 7.
Derby: Cherry 6, Barton 6, Buckley 6, Attley 6, Foster 6, Blades 6, Broily 5, ★GEMMILL 7, Richards 6, Swindlehurst 6, Dalziel 5.
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (2) 3 (Cannon 2, Jones 4, Hinshelwood 57)
WOLVES (3) 4 (Matthews 7, 72, Clarke 34, Gray 44)
 Att: 10,225
Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Gilbert 7, Murphy 7, Lovell 5, Cannon 7, ★HINSHELWOOD 9, Giles 7, Hughton 7, Jones 6, Mabbutt 6, Hilaire 8.
Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 7.
★HIBBITT 9, Pender 6, Dodd 7, Cartwright 6, Clarke 8, Gray 8, Eves 8, Matthews 8.
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (1) 1 (Davies 39)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
 Att: 13,864
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Lock 6, ★BROWN 8, Gale 7, O'Driscoll 6, Wilson 5, Houghton 7, Lewington 7, Davies 7, Coney 7 (sub. Parker).
Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Shirliff, Peter 5, Bailey 5, Lyons 5, Shelton 6, Smith 6 (sub. Pearson 6), Megson 6, Taylor 6, Bannister 5.
★McCULLOCH 7, Mirocevic 5.
Referee: D. H. Brazier (Northampton)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Cochrane 71)
BLACKBURN (1) 5 (Stonhouse 23, Brotherston 48, 54, Bell 51, Randell 67)
 Att: 10,821
Middlesbrough: Platt 5, Ward 7, Bolton 5, Baxter 6, Ross 5 (sub. Cochrane 6), ★WOOD 8, Kennedy 6, Hankin 5, Otto 6, Bell 5, Shearer 5.
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Randell 8, Mail 8, Fazackerley 8, Miller 8, Hamilton 7, Bell 7, Stonehouse 7.
★BROTHERSTON 9.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (Martin 23, McDermott 35)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
 Att: 20,360
Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 7, Wharton 7, Martin 8, Clarke 7, Hedworth 6, Gayle 7, McCreery 6, Varadi 6 (sub. Craggs 6).
★McDERMOTT 9, Waddle 8.
Cambridge: Webster 7, Fisher 8, Murray 6, Turner 7, Fallon 7, Lockhart 6, Cartwright 6.
★SPRIGGS 9, Reilly 7, Smith, K. 6 (sub. Nicholls 6), Finney 6.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (0) 1 (McDonough 61)
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Ford 62)
 Att: 5,508
Oldham: Goram 6, Edwards 6, Ryan 6, Bowden 6, Clements 6, Fletcher 7.
★McDONOUGH 8, Atkinson 7, Heaton 6, Wyld 6, Palmer 7.
Grimby: ★BATCH 8, Moore, D. 6, Moore, K. 6, Waters 6, Cooper 6, Whitlock 5, Ford 6, Whymark 5, Drinkell 5, Bonnyman 6, Cumming 5 (sub. Stone).
Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

QPR (1) 1 (Fenwick 45)
CARLISLE (0) 0
 Att: 9,397
QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Roeder 7.
★HAZELL 9, Fenwick 8, Micklewhite 6, Sealy 6, Allen 6, Stainrod 6, Gregory 6.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7 (sub. Houghton 6), Parker 7, Haigh 6, ★ASHURST 9, Larkin 8, Rushbury 5, Staniforth 6, Coughlin 6, Lee 6, Bannon 6, Shoulder 6.
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Seasman 46)
CHELSEA (0) 0
 Att: 8,793
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Henson 6, ★GOODING 8, Hughes 7, Green 6, Townner 7, Gow 7, Moore 6, Seasman 7, McBride 6.
Chelsea: Francis 6, Jones 6, Hutchings 7, Bumstead 7, ★DROY 8, Lee 6, Driver 7, Rhoades-Brown 6, Speedie 7 (sub. Walker), Falco 5, Filley 6.
Referee: R. Guy (Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
CHARLTON (0) 0
 Att: 4,477
Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 6, Leonard 6, ★PETTS 8, Pearson 7, Griffin 7, Cross 6, MacLaren 6, Stevens 6, McNally 6, Bates 7.
Charlton: ★JOHNS 8, Curtis 6, Aizlewood 7, Robinson 6, Elliott 7, Berry 6, McAllister 7, Bullivant 6, White 6, Hales 6, Harris 6.
Referee: T. A. Jones (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: MacLaren (Shrewsbury)

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Morgan 25, 62)
BRADFORD (1) 2 (McNiven 4, Ellis 65)
 Att: 4,025
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Golac 6, Sulley 7, Spackman 6, Brignull 7, Impey 7, Carter 7, Nightingale 6, ★MORGAN 8, Lee 7, Dawtry 6.
Bradford: McManus 7, Podd 7, Chapman 6, McCall 7, Cooke 7, Jackson 6, Ellis 7, Gray 6, Campbell 7, ★MCNIVEN 8, Mellor 7.
Referee: M. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF v CHESTERFIELD — Match Postponed

EXETER (1) 2 (Kellow 45, Harle 83)
ORIENT (0) 0
 Att: 2,611
Exeter: ★BOND 8, Rogers, M. 5, Viney 6, McEwan 7, Marker 7, Harle 7, Neville 6, Rogers, P. 6, Kellow 7, Delve 6, Pullar 6.
Orient: ★DAY 8, Roffey 6, Peach 5, Foster 5, Cunningham 6, Donn 5 (sub. Cornwell 5), Osgood 5, Godfrey 6, Houchen 5, Sussex 5, Taylor 6.
Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
WIGAN (1) 2 (Langley 15, Lowe 65)
 Att: 3,952
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Weatherley 6, Tydemann 6, Powell 7, Johnson 6, Cascarino 6, Grewcock 6 (sub. Walker), ★WHITE 8.

Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 6, Cribley 7, Langley 7, Walsh 7, Methven 6, Sheldon 6, Shaw 7, ★BUTLER 8, Lowe 7, Weston 7.
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Pugh 3, Russell 89, 90)
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Holloway 14)
 Att: 8,251
Huddersfield: Cox 7, ★BROWN 8, Burke 6, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Valentine 6, Lillis 7, Doyle 7, Russell 7, Wilson 7, Pugh 6.
Bristol Rovers: ★KITE 8, Slatter 6, Williams, B. 6, Williams, G. 7, Parkin 6, McCaffery 6, Holloway 7, Williams, D. 7, Stephens 7, Randall 7 (sub. Channon), Barrett 6.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (0) 0
LINCOLN (0) 0
Abandoned after 63 minutes — fog
 Att: 5,367
Oxford: Butcher 6, Linney 6, Grant 5, Train 5, Fogg 6, Shotton 6, ★LAWRENCE 7, Foley 6, Vinter 6, Hebbard 6, Smithers 6.
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 5, Neale 6, Cockerill 5, ★PEAKE 7, Thompson 5, Hibberd 6, Turner 5, Hobson 5, Bell 5, Shipley 5.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (2) 2 (Aizlewood 32, Webb 43)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Humphries 26)
 Att: 9,474
Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 7, Aizlewood 7, Howe 6, Webb 5, Tait 5, ★RAFFERTY 8, Biley 6, Rogers 7.
Doncaster: ★PEACOCK 8, Humphries 6, Watson 6, Lister 5, Wigginton 6, Cawthorne 7, Douglas 5 (sub. Mell), Owen 6, Austin 5, Snodin 7, Robertson 6.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (2) 2 (McAteer 19, Elliott 32)
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Cooper 83, Rogers 86)
 Att: 3,653
Preston: Litchfield 6, Westwell 6, ★McATEER 8, O'Riordan 6, Coleman 6, Gowling 6, Walsh 7, Sayer 6, Elliott 6, Naughton 6, Houston 6.
Plymouth: Crudington 7, Nisbet 6, Rowe 6, Harrison 6, Smith 6, ★COOPER 8, Hodges 6, Cook 6, Sims 6, McCartney 6, Rogers 7.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Edwards 17)
BRENTFORD (2) 2 (Booker 4, Joseph 37)
 Att: 10,202
Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Henderson 6, Charles 6, Richardson 5, ★HOUSTON 8, Kenworthy 5, Morris 6, Trusson 6 (sub. Young 6), Edwards 7, Brazil 6, Curran 6.
Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 7, Wilkins 7, McNichol 6 (sub. Johnson), Whitehead 7, Booker 7, ★KAMARA 8, Joseph 7, Mahoney 7, Bowles 6, Roberts 6.
Referee: R. F. Nixon (West Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (0) 1 (Clark, og 85)
SOUTHEND (1) 3 (Phillips 34, Cusack 75, Greaves 77)
 Att: 2,453
Walsall: Kearns, M. 5, Beech 6, ★MOWER 8, O'Kelly 7 (sub. Rees 6), Sinnott 6, Hart 6, Penn 6, Preece 7, Kearns, O. 7, Buckley 7, Caswell 7.
Southend: Keeley 7, Stead 6, Hadley 6, Clark 6, ★OTULAKOWSKI 8, Cusack 7, Pountney 7, Phillips 6, Mercer 6, Greaves 7, Nelson 6.
Referee: R. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Savage 41)
NEWPORT (0) 0
 Att: 3,246
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Hunt 5, Bater 7, Savage 7, Downman 7, Muldoon 6.
★ARKWRIGHT 9, Gregory 8, Keav 7, King 7, Buxton 6.
Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 6, Relish 7, Bailey 7, Boyle 7, Stroud 7, Lowndes 7, Gwyther 5, Tynan 6, Vaughan 6, ★ELSEY 9.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwin)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (0) 2 (Banton 70, Wood 72)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Downes, pen 50)
 Att: 2,003
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Scott 6, Wooler 7, Andruszewski 6, Wood 7, ★JOPLING 9, Shrubbs 6, Banton 8, Sanford 7, McDonald 7, Brodie 5 (sub. Lucas 7).
Blackpool: ★HESFORD 8, Beardsley 6.

Pritchard 6, Deary 7, Hetzke 6, Serella 6, Hockaday 7, Jeffrey 6, Bamber 7, Pashley 6, Downes 6
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Bremner 27, Allinson 85)
 Att: 4,310
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Stevens 6, Johnson 7, Nicholls 7, Phillipson-Masters 6, Riley 6, Newman 7, Thompson 6, ★COOPER 8, Chandler 7 (sub. Kelly), Crawford 7.
Colchester: ★WALKER 8, Ward 6, Coleman 6 (sub. Adcock 6), Longhorn 7, Wignall 6, Hunter 7, Allinson 7, Osborne 7, McDonough 6, Bremner 7, Leslie 6.
Referee: T. G. Bune (Berkshire)
Match Rating: ★★

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Linighan 4)
HALIFAX (0) 2 (Wood 48, Staniforth 56)
 Att: 1,367
Hartlepool: Wright 6, Brown 7, Stimpson 5, Hogan 6, Barker 7, Linighan 7, ★STAFF 8, Dobson 6, Linacre 5, Lawrence 6 (sub. Johnson, K.), Hamilton 6.
Halifax: Smelt 7, Nobbs 6, Wood 7, Evans 6, Smith 6, Hendrie 7, Staniforth 6, Davison 8, Allatt 5 (sub. Ward 7), ★SPOONER 9, Goodman 7.
Referee: C. Seal (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL (0) 2 (Marwood 49, McClaren 55)
CHESTER (0) 0
 Att: 5,047
Hull: Davies 5, McNeil 7, Askew 7, Roberts, D. 6, ★SKIPPER 8, Booth 6, Marwood 7, McClaren 7, Whitehurst 6, Mutrie 5, Roberts, G. 7.
Chester: Salmon 6, Bradley 6, ★LANE 8, Storton 7, Zelem 6, Blackwell 5, Sloan 5, Cooke 6, Thomas 6, Wilson 6, Needham 6 (sub. Moffatt).
Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
PORT VALE (0) 0
 Att: 3,043
Peterborough: Seaman 7, Winters 6, Collins 5, Gynn 6 (sub. Quow 6), Firm 6, Slack 6, Clarke 6, ★RODAWAY 8, Cooke 7, Benjamin 6, Chard 5.
Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tarrt 5, Bromage 7, Hunter 6, ★SPROSON 8, Cegielski 6, Fox 6, Moss 6, Newton 7, Ridley 5, Armstrong 6.
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
BURY (1) 1 (Hilton 17)
 Att: 6,335
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Keeley 6, Pointon 7, Parkinson 6 (sub. Fowler 6), Baines 6.
★HUNTER 8, O'Berg 7, Cammack 7, Cowling 7, Angus 6, Leman 6.
Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 7, Davis 7, Gore 7, Hilton 6, Bramhall 7, Firth 7, Madden 6, Parker 6, Jakub 7, ★HALLIDAY 8.
Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Cooper 5, 70, Wilson 90)
ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Hilditch 44, Hamilton 50)
 Att: 2,409
Torquay: Horn 6, Doyle 6, Wilson 6, O'Donnell 6, ★LITTLE 8, Bould 6, Grapes 6, Bishop 5 (sub. Brown), Cooper 7, Anderson 6, Gallagher 6.
Rochdale: Pearce 6, Keenan 7, Snookes 6, ★FARRELL 8, McElhinney 6, Nicholson 6, Hamilton 6 (sub. Thompson), Martinez 6, Weir 6, Wellings 5, Hilditch 6.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 2 (Ferguson 67, Aspinall 69)
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Price 44)
 Att: 3,194
Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mungall 6, Burgess 7, Mooney 6, Hamilton 6, ★WILLIAMS 8, Ferguson 6, Aspinall 6, Kerr 5, Brown 5, Griffiths 7.
Hereford: Plumley 6, Price 7, Bartley 6, Hicks 7, Pejc 6, ★BRAY 8, Harvey 7, Phillips 6, Showers 6, McNeil 7, White 5 (sub. Lane).
Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON v CREWE — Match Postponed
YORK (3) 6 (Walwyn 8, 29, 80, Pollard 22, 88, Crosby 61)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Nicholson 44)
 Att: 2,119
York: Jones 7, Evans 7, Hay 7, Sbragia 8, Smith 8, Hood 7, Ford 8, Crosby 7.
★WALWYN 9, Byrne 8, Pollard 8.

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Mansfield: Arnold (sub. Woodhead 7), Reynolds 7, Kennedy 5, Bell 6, Ayre 5, Calderwood 7, Matthews 6, Caldwell 6, Dungworth 6, Hutchinson 6, ★NICHOLSON 8.
Referee: N. L. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

DUNDEE (3) 5 (Murphy 2, 60, Mackie 27, Bell 41, Fraser 87)
KILMARNOCK (0) 2 (Clark, J 83, MacLeod 85)
 Att: 4,311
Dundee: Kelly 7, Glennie 6, Scrimgeour 7, Fraser 7, Smith 7, McDonald 6, ★MURPHY 8, Bell 7, Sinclair 7, Mackie 6, Stephens 7, Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, Robertson 6, Cockburn 6, Clark, J 6, McDicken 7, Clarke, P 6, McGivern 6, McLean 7, ★GALLAGHER 8, MacLeod 6, Bryson 6 (sub. Bourke 6).
Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 (Murray 65, 85)
CELTIC (1) 3 (McGarvey 32, 82, McStay 57)
 Att: 17,121
Hibs: Rough 7, Sneddon 6, Duncan 7, Conroy 6, Rae 7, Turnbull 6, Callaghan 6 (sub. Welsh 6), Smith 7, Jamieson 6, Thomson 6, ★MURRAY 8.
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Sinclair 7, Aitken 6, McAdam 7, Moyes 7, Provan 6, McStay 7, McGarvey 7, ★BURNS 8, Nicholas 7.
Referee: L. B. Thow (Ayr)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MOTHERWELL (3) 3 (McLelland 30, Mauchlen 37, Hutchison, og 42)
MORTON (0) 1 (Hutchison 59)
 Att: 3,124
Motherwell: Sprat 6, MacLeod 7, Forsyth 6, Carson 7, Edvaldsson 7, Mauchlen 7, ★GAHAGAN 8, Flavell 6 (sub. Forbes), McLelland 7, Rafferty 6, O'Hara 6, Morton: Baines 7, Houston 6, Holmes 6, Rooney 7, McLaughlin 6, Hutchison 6, ★MCNEIL 8, Cochran 7, Docherty 6, Slaven 6 (sub. Doak 6), Ritchie 7.
Referee: J. Timmons (Kilwinning)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

RANGERS (0) 0
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Black 69)
 Att: 23,000
Rangers: Stewart 7, McKinnon 6, Dawson 6 (sub. Mackay), McClelland 6, McPherson 6, ★BETT 8, Cooper 7, Prytz 6, Johnstone 6 (sub. Dalziel 6), Redford 7, MacDonald 6, Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, Rougvié 6, Cooper 7 (sub. Black 7), McLeish 7, Miller 7, Strachan 7, Simpson 7, McGee 6, Bell 7, ★WEIR 8.
Referee: A. Ferguson (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

ST MIRREN (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 2 (Bannon 69, Dodds 81)
 Att: 3,823
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Clarke 6, Richardson 7, ★FULTON 8, Copland 6, Stark 6, McDougall 6, Sommer 6, McAvennie 6 (sub. Scanlon), Abercromby 6, Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Gough 6, Malpas 7, Holt 6, Hegarty 6, Narey 7, ★BANNON 8, Milne 7, Kirkwood 6, Sturrock 6 (sub. Dodds 7), Reilly 6.
Referee: H. Alexander (Irvine)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

First Division

AIRDRIE (1) 2 (Flood 22, 61)
CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (McGhie 54, Given, pen 89)
 Att: 1,200
Ayr (0) 2 (Kean 53, McAllister 70)
QUEENS PARK (1) 2 (Graham 43, Quinn 63)
 Att: 1,048
CLYDE (0) 1 (O'Neill 82)
PARTICK (1) 3 (Park 7, 88, Brogan, og 79)
 Att: 1,700
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Blair 61)
HEARTS (0) 1 (O'Connor 89)
 Att: 3,000
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Hoggan, pen 77)
HAMILTON (0) 0
 Att: 1,000

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (3) 5 (Gordon 25, Alexander 39, Robertson 40, 72, Coughlin 61)
ALBION (0) 0
 Att: 750
RAITH (0) 0
ALLOA (1) 1 (Campbell 21)
 Att: 1,200

Second Division

ARBROATH (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
 Att: 598
BERWICK (0) 1 (Tait 90)
FORFAR (1) 2 (McDonald 20, Clarke 70)
 Att: 200
COWDENBEATH v BRECHIN — Match Postponed
MEADOWBANK (1) 3 (Dawson, og 29, Sprott 46, Jobson 53)
STIRLING (1) 1 (Steedman 37)
 Att: 500
MONTROSE (0) 0
EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Caitness 29, 78)
 Att: 200
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 2 (Caldwell 49, Rutherford 54)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
 Att: 2,442
STRANRAER (1) 2 (Neil 24, McBride 71)
EAST STIRLING (0) 1 (Hughes 49)
 Att: 375

Division One												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	16	6	2	0	24	7	4	2	2	14	6	34
Watford	16	6	2	0	22	4	3	1	4	12	13	30
Nott'm	16	6	1	1	16	5	3	1	4	12	16	29
Man. Utd.	16	6	2	0	15	4	2	2	4	8	10	28
West Ham	16	6	1	1	20	6	3	0	5	11	17	28
A. Villa	16	7	0	1	21	6	2	1	5	15	12	28
West Brom	16	6	1	1	18	7	2	1	5	8	16	26
Ipswich	17	4	1	3	15	9	2	5	2	13	9	24
Man. City	16	5	2	1	11	6	2	1	5	8	15	24
Tottenham	16	5	1	2	23	9	2	1	5	4	14	23
Coventry	17	6	2	1	14	7	0	2	6	4	17	22
Stoke	16	4	2	2	19	15	2	1	5	11	13	21
Notts Co.	16	4	2	2	10	11	2	1	5	10	15	21
Arsenal	16	2	3	3	10	11	3	2	3	8	9	20
Everton	16	4	3	1	16	11	1	1	6	9	15	19
Swansea	16	5	0	3	15	11	0	3	5	8	17	18
Brighton	16	5	2	1	11	7	0	1	7	4	27	18
Luton	16	2	4	2	17	14	1	4	3	16	21	17
South'pton	16	4	1	3	10	9	0	3	5	7	22	16
Birmingham	16	3	3	2	9	10	0	4	4	2	15	16
Norwich	16	3	2	3	14	11	0	3	5	5	18	14
Sunderland	16	2	4	2	10	8	1	1	6	9	23	14

Division Two												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	17	6	2	1	17	8	4	2	2	9	5	34
Fulham	16	5	2	1	16	9	5	1	2	21	12	33
Sheff. Wed.	16	5	2	1	16	8	4	1	3	14	10	30
Wolves	16	6	0	2	18	9	3	2	9	9	30	29
Oldham	16	3	4	1	15	11	3	3	2	12	19	25
Leeds	16	4	3	1	12	7	2	4	2	9	9	25
Barnsley	16	3	4	1	14	10	3	2	3	8	9	24
Grimsby	16	4	2	2	12	8	3	1	4	11	16	24
Shrewsbury	16	4	2	2	9	7	3	1	4	11	14	24
Newcastle	16	4	2	2	11	8	2	4	4	16	22	22
Rotherham	16	3	3	2	9	11	2	4	2	13	12	22
Crystal Pal.	16	4	3	1	14	8	1	3	4	5	10	21
Carlisle	16	5	1	2	20	12	1	2	5	11	20	21
Blackburn	16	4	2	2	16	10	2	1	5	11	19	21
Leicester	16	2	1	5	11	9	4	1	3	16	11	20
Chelsea	16	3	4	1	12	6	1	2	5	6	12	18
Charlton	16	3	1	4	12	14	2	2	4	10	19	18
Middlesbro	16	3	1	4	10	19	1	5	2	9	13	18
Burnley	16	3	2	3	12	10	1	1	8	10	19	15
Cambridge	17	3	3	2	13	13	0	1	8	6	17	13
Bolton	16	3	1	4	12	14	0	3	5	2	11	13
Derby	16	1	4	3	6	13	0	4	4	7	14	11

Division Three.												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln	16	8	0	0	23	4	0	4	9	11	36	32
Huddersfield	17	7	3	0	26	6	2	3	9	6	32	32
Newport	17	6	2	0	17	8	3	2	4	12	13	31
Cardiff	16	7	0	1	14	5	3	1	4	12	17	31
Bristol Rvs.	17	7	0	1	25	5	2	3	4	13	14	30
Portsmouth	17	7	0	0	20	2	2	3	8	13	30	30
Southend	17	8	0	1	0	17	5	3	1	6	12	29
Bradford, C.	17	6	2	0	20	10	2	2	5	9	15	28
Brentford	17	6	1	1	21	9	1	4	4	15	20	26
Gillingham	17	5	1	3	13	8	3	1	4	8	8	26
Plymouth	17	6	0	2	11	7	1	4	4	13	22	25
Oxford	16	5	3	0	15	8	3	1	4	10	12	24
Exeter	17	5	2	2	20	15	1	3	4	9	20	23
Wrexham	17	5	2	2	10	7	1	3	4	5	14	23
Wigan	17	5	0	3	17	9	2	1	6	14	19	22
Bournemouth	17	3	3	3	10	7	3	0	5	6	13	21
Sheffield Utd.	17	4	2	3	12	9	1	3	4	5	12	20
Chesterfield	16	2	1	5	10	11	2	3	7	10	16	16
Reading	16	4	2	2	16	11	0	1	7	11	25	15
Millwall	16	3	4	1	13	11	0	2	6	6	17	15
Orient	17	3	2	3	13	16	1	1	7	3	22	15
Preston	17	2	5	2	12	10	1	0	7	10	22	14
Walsall	17	3	2	4	9	13	0	3	5	11	21	14
Doncaster	17	2	5	1	23	19	0	1	8	5	21	12

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Latchford (Swansea)	9	4	13
Rush (Liverpool)	11	2	13
Stein (Luton)	12	1	13
Blissett (Watford)	11	1	12
Crooks (Spurs)	7	3	10
Deehan (Norwich)	9	1	10
Wallace (Nott'm Forest)	7	3	10
Wark (Ipswich)	9	1	10

Division Two

Davies (Fulham)	14	1	15
Glavin (Barnsley)	9	4	13
Lineker (Leicester)	12	0	12
Bannister (Sheff. Wed.)	11	1	12
Drinkell (Grimsby)	6	5	11
Garner (Blackburn)	10	0	10
Mabbutt (C. Palace)	8	2	10

Division Three

Campbell (Bradford)	12	4	16
Elliott (Preston)	12	4	16
Dixon (Reading)	15	0	15
Bell (Lincoln)	11	3	14
Tynan (Newport)	9	5	14
Biley (Portsmouth)	11	3	14

Division Four

Bury	18	8	1	1	15	5	5	4	1	14	6	38
Scunthorpe	17	5	2	2	14	8	5	3	0	10	3	35
Swindon	17	6	0	1	18	5	4	4	2	9	7	34
Hull	17	8	3	0	22	5	3	2	3	8	7	32
Port Vale	17	5	2	1	11	4	4	3	2	13	7	32
Colchester	17	6	2	0	17	4	3	2	4	9	10	31
Wimbledon	18	5	2	1	21	10	3	2	3	11	28	28
Torquay	16	8	2	0	19	7	2	2	4	7	14	28
Blackpool	17	5	4	0	15	5	1	1	8	7	15	23
Aldershot	17	5	1	3	12	11	1	4	3	10	19	23
York	17	5	2	1	23	11	0	5	4	8	15	22
Mansfield	17	2	2	4	6	13	4	1	4	12	17	21
Chester	17	2	2	4	9	8	3	3	7	7	20	20
Northampton	17	4	4	2	15	10	1	1	5	5	17	20
Peterboro'	17	4	2	3	10	10	0	3	3	4	10	19
Hartlepool	17	5	2	2	13	9	0	2	6	6	18	19
Darlington	16	3	2	3	8	7	2	1	5	10	13	18
Halifax	17	1	4	3	7	12	3	2	4	12	13	18
Stockport	17	3	4	2	12	11	1	2	5	10	18	18
Rochdale	16	3	4	1	13	8	0	2	6	5	17	15
Hereford	17	4	2	2	8	4	0	1	8	8	24	15
Tranmere	17	4	2	3	13	11	0	0	8	4	20	19
Bristol City	17	2	4	3	10	12	0	4	4	8	22	15
Crews	16	2	1	5	11	14	2	0	6	5	8	21

INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE

FRENCH sweeper Marius Tresor set up a new appearance record for his country by winning his 63rd cap during the recent 2-1 friendly victory in Holland.

The modest Tresor, who comes from Guadeloupe, said he never thought about breaking Roger Marche's record because he was being written off as an international player long before the World Cup Finals in Spain.

It was during that tournament that the 31-year-old defender had his greatest and his most upsetting moment — the Semi-Final defeat on penalties by West Germany.

"It was all consecration and regrets," he recalls. "We should never have lost that game."

"If only we had a little more experience... but at least I can remember my goal as the best of my career."

ENZO ENTHUSES OVER ENGLAND

Marius Tresor — a record 63 international caps for France.



ITALY boss Enzo Bearzot may have problems with the form of his World Cup winners, but he still found time to praise the 'new England'.

After watching England's 2-1 defeat by West Germany at Wembley last month, the pipe-smoking Italian boss commented: "It is a very exciting time for English football."

"The black players in the England team can give it an extra dimension."

"Players like Ricky Hill and the powerful Cyrille Regis were very impressive."

Meanwhile, he is wrestling with Italy's sudden loss of form after their World Cup success.

Following their shock 1-0 home defeat by Switzerland in a friendly, they were held to a 2-2 home draw by Czechoslovakia in their opening European Championship game.

PLATINI SPARKLES

FRENCH midfielder star Michel Platini appears to have won his battle with the Juventus fans in Turin.

The French World Cup skipper has hit a rich vein of form both at club and international level, and the partisan Juventus supporters are warming to his skills.

He demonstrated his powerful shooting in France's recent friendly win in Holland when he cracked home the winner in the dying minutes.

Meanwhile, Platini's clubmate, Antonio Cabrini, will be out until the New Year following a cartilage operation.

But Juventus are not seeking a replacement for their Italian international... they already have another six full internationals in their squad.

■ **BAD** luck is still dogging Danish star Frank Arneson, who joined Valencia last summer.

The powerful midfielder player has already undergone two knee operations, one on each leg.

Now the surgeons are keeping their fingers crossed.

■ **A RECORD** 100 countries will be taking part in the qualifying rounds of the 1984 Olympic soccer tournament in Los Angeles. They will be fighting it out for just 14 places with hosts America and holders Czechoslovakia automatic qualifiers for the Finals.



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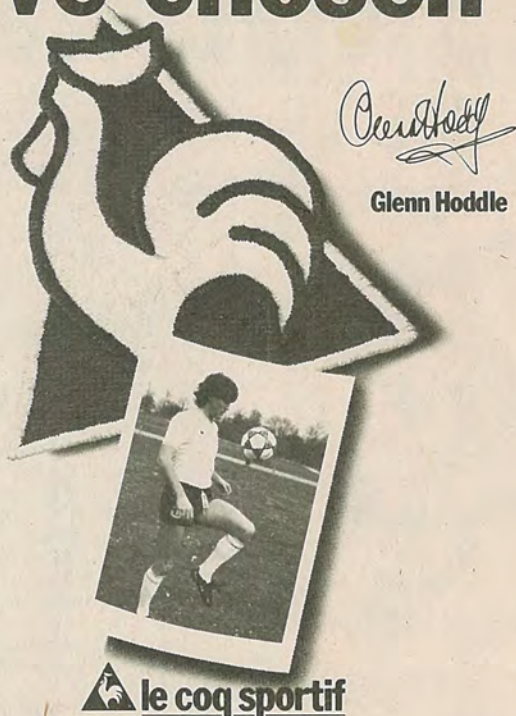
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'MATCH' talks to Alan Brown, the striker who quit the Roker Park 'rat-race' for Second Division Shrewsbury...

SUNDERLAND outcast Alan Brown has no regrets about leaving the passionate 'Roker Roar' for the relative peace and tranquility of Second Division Shrewsbury.

"It's the best thing I could have done," claims the 23-year-old striker, swopped at the start of the season for Ian Atkins.

"I can go out at Shrewsbury and play or train without too many worries. I am enjoying my football now.

"At Sunderland, I was always conscious of what was being said about me in the trainer's dug-out.

"Whenever the club had a bad run, I was usually the player who was dropped.

"Sunderland wasn't exactly a club where you could relax. In fact, I was told by the chairman last season that there was no way I would play for Sunderland again.

"I know we only get crowds of around 3,500 at Shrewsbury but at least they are always cheering for me which never really happened at Sunderland. I wasn't exactly a favourite with the crowd there."

Apart from scoring the match-winner recently against Second Division leaders Sheffield Wednesday, it was his goal in the 2-1 defeat of Kevin Keegan's Newcastle which has given him most satisfaction so far at Gay Meadow.

For last season Alan looked certain to join Sunderland's arch rivals after scoring three goals in five games while on loan.

But a permanent move to St James' Park fell through when he failed a medical.

"In that particular game I was very nervous and hardly got a kick until I scored the winner," says Alan, who made 113 League



Alan Brown — "I am enjoying my football now."

appearances for Sunderland.

"I was obviously delighted to score, not just to prove something to Newcastle, but because it was our first win of the season and my first League goal for the club."

But his chequered career in the North-East is all behind now as he concentrates on helping transform the small Shrewsbury club into a Second Division force.

They lost their opening four League games, but the situation has improved considerably since then, Alan's winner against Sheffield Wednesday giving Shrewsbury their sixth League success in ten matches.

"We began the season with a lot of youngsters in the team. In fact, it was the first time a lot of us had played together since a

number of key men like Ian Atkins, Jack Keay and former skipper Jake King had left the club," adds Alan.

"Now, with everyone settling down, we are beginning to play as a team, with young defenders Wayne Williams and Nigel Pearson showing a lot of promise.

"Experienced central defender Colin Griffin is a very hard player and keeps us going for ninety minutes. When you see him going in for tackles, you're glad he's on your side.

"I'm very impressed with manager Graham Turner. He's very straight with the players and he makes training enjoyable.

"He also copes well with a very hard job as player, manager and coach since his former assistant, Graham Hawkins, moved to Wolves."

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SPOTLIGHT ON TOTTENHAM'S MIKE HAZARD

Mike Hazard
outjumps QPR's Gary
Waddock in this
year's F.A. Cup Final
at Wembley.

FULL NAME: Mike Hazard.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Sunderland, February 5, 1960.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 7in/11st.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Ford Capri.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: Curly.
WORST EVER INJURY: Cartilage operation.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Glenn Hoddle — has so much skill and vision.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Sunderland.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Ossie Ardiles — has great skill and reads the game so well.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, Moore, Charlton J, Wilson, Giles, Hudson, Brady, Best, Greaves, Law.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Krol (Holland), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina), Giles (Ire), Ardiles, Maradona (both Argentina), Best (N. Ireland), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Zurich Grasshoppers.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Nottingham Forest at White Hart Lane last season.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Tony Galvin's against Ajax last season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kenny Burns.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Playing at Sunderland last season and scoring in the 2-0 win.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing at Wembley.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped for last season's F.A. Cup tie with Arsenal.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, cricket and snooker.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Cards and records.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Travelling and losing.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Minder.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: News.
FAVOURITE READING: Roy of the Rovers.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Manhattans.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Dover sole.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Orange.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Paul Newman and Doris Day.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Champ.
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My p.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Dover sole.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be successful in football.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: No idea.
PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE: Tottenham players Tony Parks and Ian Cook.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Muhammad Ali.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Always work hard at your game and listen to good advice.

Mike Hazard

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